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Race to save buried survivors

10,000 killed by Indian earthquake

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN HYDERABAD AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UP TO 10,000 people were killed as they slept yesterday when an earthquake devastated a remote area of western India. Thousands more were injured and desperate survivors scrabbled through the rubble with bare hands to reach trapped relatives.

A series of five tremors — the biggest measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale — struck the state of Maharashtra at 4 am, sending mud, stone and thatch homes tumbling on to their sleeping owners. The local police chief described India's most deadly quake since independence as "a human tragedy of unimaginable proportions". In the worst-hit towns of Umarga and Khilari, about 250 miles from Bombay, thousands of bodies were pulled from the rubble and borne away on carts drawn by cattle. Troops and civilian rescuers worked through the driving rain and aircraft dropped emergency supplies, but the remoteness of the stricken area and the paucity of communications meant survivors would have to wait nearly 24 hours for the relief effort to begin in earnest. Earthmovers and cranes were being sent to the area, tents were flown in for the thousands of homeless, and troops were setting up drinking water points.

British, Swiss and Russian rescue teams were on standby in case India — notoriously proud in times of crisis — decided to call for help. The UN's humanitarian affairs department and the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent were each sending experts to assess the damage. PV Narashimha Rao, the prime minister, will visit the worst-affected area today.

The quake, which flattened some 30 villages, shook four states and could be felt as far afield as Madras, on the eastern coast, and Bangalore in the south, where panic-stricken people ran into the street in the middle of the night. The Indian metereological office in Bombay said that its seismograph was mutilated by the intensity of the shock.

More than a thousand people were feared dead in Khilari, where 80 per cent of the homes were destroyed, and at least 3,000 people were killed in Umaga. The Koyna dam, 25 miles from the epicentre, was safe, however, in spite of being hit by a tremor measuring more than 4 on the Richter scale.

The state had suffered three smaller tremors in the past six days, adding to fears that a big earthquake was on the way — astrologers had predicted a major earthquake on or around October 2. But when it struck, poor or non-existent telephone links meant it was hours before the enormity of the disaster became apparent.

"The earth opened up and swallowed sleeping people," a local journalist said, while another resident in the nearby town of Latur said: "It started with a rumbling sound, followed by what sounded like an explosion." N. Ragunathan, chief secretary of Maharashtra, said many bodies were strapped beneath mounds of earth and rubble: "Their houses just collapsed. We need lanterns, food utensils, clothes and medicines." Radio hams were also being asked to help. Scores of wounded people were taken to Latur civil hospital by any available means of transport and one doctor said the hospital was full.

Poor roads, inadequate telephone links and lack of hopsitals are bound to dog the efforts of rescue workers and medical teams. They may also have to face the problem of disappearing relief supplies. Two years ago, a quake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale shook the Himalayan region of Uttarkashi, killing 1,600 people. The government sent blankets, corrugated sheets for roofing, clothing and building materials, but much of it was misappropriated by corrupt bureaucrats. Months afterwards, the supplies continued to turn up for sale in local markets while homeless people struggled to survive in the cold.

The death toll yesterday was so high because of the timing — when people were in bed — and because the Latur region is not regarded as particularly vulnerable to earthquakes, so no special precautions are taken when building houses, bridges and roads. A stronger quake 150 miles away in 1967 claimed only a fraction of the lives lost yesterday. The worst quake in South Asia was in May 1935, when 50,000 people were killed in the Quetta area of Pakistan.

The Indian High Commission in London last night opened an emergency telephone line for people anxious about friends and relatives: 071 379 6242.

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Survivors in the town of Khilari sift through all that is left of their homes after the earthquake which "swallowed up sleeping people"

Safety net will save pensions from fraud

BY JON ASHWORTH

AN era of simpler, better regulated pension schemes was ushered in yesterday with the publication of proposals aimed at turning the pensions industry on its head.

A new pensions act, backed up by a regulator, and a compensation scheme to protect members are the key ingredients of the long-awaited Goode report on pension law reform. British companies will be obliged to adopt minimum solvency requirements and provide better information for scheme members and pensioners. In return, the law will be simplified to keep administrative burdens to a minimum.

The reforms, if adopted, will be a result of the scandal in which more than £450 million was stolen from pension funds controlled by the late Robert Maxwell.

The losses compelled the government to review pension provision, and, in June 1992, saw the formation of a Pension Law Review Committee under Professor Roy Goode. Yesterday he spoke of the need to avoid undue extra burdens on employers.

The proposals will go to Peter Lilley, secretary of state for social security. Draft legislation is at least a year away.

A compensation scheme will be established to protect members against loss resulting from fraud, theft or other misappropriation. It would be funded through a levy on all schemes and would pay up to 90 per cent of losses.

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Beckett forced on the defensive

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET Beckett was forced yesterday to defend her position as Labour's deputy leader as speculation about her future threatened to spiral out of control.

In the face of a continuing whispering campaign against her involving shadow cabinet members and senior MPs, Mrs Beckett denied that her job was in danger.

John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, was being openly canvassed for promotion by his political friends after his rip-roaring finale to Wednesday's debate on one member one vote.

Mrs Beckett, who spent the day in Brighton being pursued by the media, agreed at one point that Mr Prescott would make a good deputy leader, but added that she was a better one. Some members of the shadow cabinet rallied behind Mrs Beckett, but others were savagely critical in private of her behaviour this week when she appeared to be lukewarm about John Smith's fight to reduce the unions' role in selecting MPs.

There can be no question of any challenge to Mrs Beckett until next year, and the signs are that Mr Prescott would prefer to be promoted into a frontline economic post rather go for a position he has already contested twice.

The doubts about Mrs Beckett overshadowed yesterday's events at the conference, although it appeared last night that Mr Smith was heading for a defeat over a motion calling for Trident to be scrapped. The result was to be declared this morning. If, as expected, the motion is carried Mr Smith will swiftly make plain that he will ignore it. Close aides said Mr Smith would not be prepared to lead a Labour government committed to Trident's removal without negotiation.

Meanwhile shadow cabinet members found themselves being questioned about Mrs Beckett's relationship with Mr Smith. Even Mr Prescott said: "She gets no kudos or publicity for the hard graft that goes on behind the scenes. I see her in committees. I see her working and she gets on with the job, and frankly I am fully supporting her."

On the Jimmy Young programme on BBC Radio 2, Mrs Beckett said: "All I have done from the start of this week is to try to make it clear that although this was an important domestic decision for the Labour party, it wasn't what we wanted the British people to think we thought was the most important thing."

She said of Mr Prescott: "I think he would make a superb deputy leader. But — and I realise it's a difficult thing for anyone to say — I'm afraid I do think that I'd be better."

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Case against Nadir accountant dropped

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

THE Serious Fraud Office yesterday abandoned its case against Polly Peck International's chief accountant following the escape in May of his co-defendant Asil Nadir, the company's former chairman.

John Turner, 54, was facing ten charges of false accounting totalling £7.3 million while Mr Nadir is facing £30 million of theft charges. The SFO alleged Mr Turner helped Mr Nadir conceal his theft by making false accounting entries. However, counsel for the SFO told Mr Justice Tucker at the Old Bailey that the accountant's case would be seriously prejudiced if he was tried alone and before Mr Nadir.

Following Mr Turner's formal acquittal, there will be no further legal action relating to the collapse in 1990 of the fresh fruit, hotels and electronics group unless Mr Nadir returns to the jurisdiction. The investigation has cost the public purse more than £3 million, according to counsel.

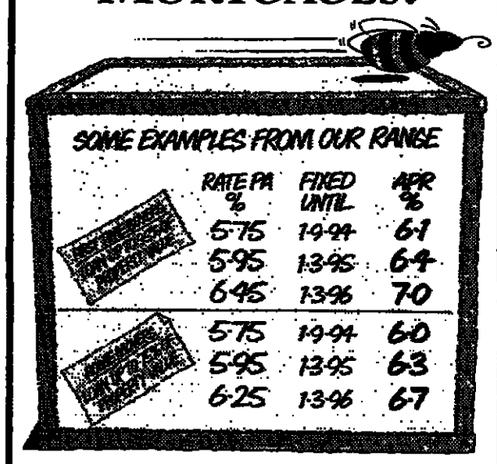
The SFO emphasised it still intended to pursue Mr Nadir who would be tried on his return. Diplomatic efforts are continually being made to secure Mr Nadir's return from his birthplace, the unofficial republic of northern Cyprus. The matter is complicated by Britain's lack of an extradition treaty with the island.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the overseas development minister, last week raised the matter with President Denktas, the republic's leader, while a British high commission official spoke on Monday to Dervis Eroglu, the island's prime minister.

"We expect the Turkish Cypriot authorities to take every step possible to aid the

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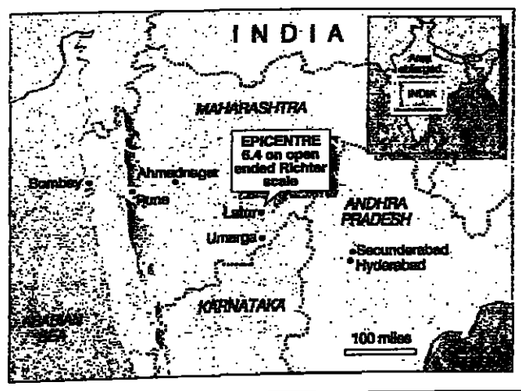
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● In the wake of Jerome K. Jerome, Nigel Williams rounded up his friends — two and a half of them — and took to the Thames in a skiff. Read his account in Weekend

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Romantic students told to make love by the book

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

ROMANCE is dead. It died when term began at Antioch College, Ohio, and the college authorities issued a 13-page manual laying down rules for sexual activity which require partners to give specific verbal consent.

"Verbal consent should be obtained with every new level of physical and/or sexual contact or conduct in any given interaction, regardless of who initiates it," the manual says.

Forget the wink across a crowded room or the suggestive *double entendre*, let alone an unexpected kiss. Try that at Antioch College without first obtaining express permission and you could find yourself up before the dean. "Asking 'Do you want to have sex with me?' is not enough," the guide says. "The request for consent must be specific for each act."

So ask, repeatedly, automatically and throughout. It might be an idea to get something in writing, describing specific intentions, just to be on the safe side. Nothing should be left to chance, let alone instinct or passion.

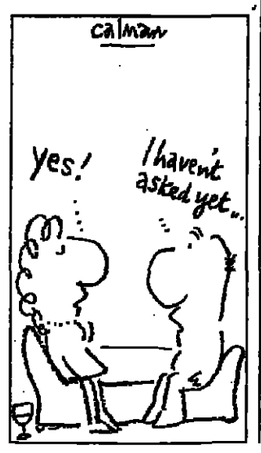
Do not leap to conclusions. The object of your desires has to say "Yes" in a shared language before matters may proceed.

If you were hoping that a bottle of wine and a candle-lit dinner might ease along the embarrassing question-and-answer session, think again. According to the authors of the report, consent is not "meaningful" if it is given under the influence of alcohol.

The sex rules manual is a well-meaning and utterly unromantic attempt to cut through the issue of relations between the sexes on American campuses at a time when the concepts of date rape, harassment and sexual consent are murkier than ever. Although the manual is written in gender-neutral terms, it is plainly an attempt to protect women on campus from harassment, assault and exploitation and is aimed principally at educating, or at least restraining, men.

Federal law now requires colleges to provide written policies for students on such issues as date rape and harassment. Antioch College, arguably, has taken the requirement to its logical conclusion.

With sexual repression rife because of Aids and continuing confusion over correct sexual behaviour, this manual is the equivalent of a cold shower. The effect of the book that requires you to say "Yes" may be that both genders just say "No".



In-car deterrent will halt drunk drivers

A British company is soon to launch a dashboard device that will stop a drunk driver starting his car. The £299 device demands a breath test every time the ignition is switched on. Within 12 seconds, the sample is scanned and the car is allowed to start or all the electronic circuits are shut down.

Even if a drunk driver gets a sober friend to breathe into the "drink detector", it will demand further samples at random intervals. If the driver fails the second or third test, the device switches on the headlamps and indicators and sounds the horn until the car is stopped. The Sens-O-Lock system, which has been available in the United States for three years, is made by Digital Vehicle Security, based at Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

Two aid workers killed

Two Britons working for the charity Scottish European Aid were killed yesterday and a third seriously injured when they were hit by a runaway car outside a restaurant in Split, Croatia. Nan Owen, 41, from Norwich, died instantly and Matthew Stodgen, 43, from Dorset, died later in hospital. Mike Mackenzie, 45, from Fife, is in a critical condition.

Barristers keep wigs

Wigs are to remain a hallmark of the British legal system. Despite the view of Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, that wigs make judges "look slightly ridiculous", the decision that barristers and judges should wear wigs in court was announced yesterday by Lord Taylor and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

Firemen to agree deal

Leaders of Britain's 48,000 firefighters seem likely today to abandon plans for a national strike after earnings figures published yesterday by the employment department showed that the fire service's index-linked pay formula could produce a pay rise of only 1-2 per cent, possibly less than the 1.5 per cent already offered to firemen.

Hospital death rates

Following publication of our article "Figures highlight high-risk hospitals" (September 8), a number of surgeons have written in to point out that a league table of death rates in Health Districts produced by the Department of Health relied on data which was not sufficiently detailed or accurate to sustain any conclusions on surgical safety in the individual hospitals mentioned. In particular, we accept that neither the surgeons and staff, nor any inadequate practices or precautions in Harrogate District Hospital, Royal Lancaster Infirmary, West Cumberland Hospital and other hospitals, or districts singled out in the article, can in any way be blamed for the recorded statistics.

We are happy to accept that these hospitals have and maintain the highest standards of surgical and support services. We express our sincere apologies for any offence caused to the staff at these hospitals and any unnecessary concerns raised as a result of the report. See report page 5

KEVIN COOMBS



Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, and Glenys Kinnock, wife of the former Labour leader, at the Labour party conference at Brighton yesterday, where they were collecting on behalf of the African National Congress. The money will be used for education in the electoral process. Conference reports, page 10

Rightwingers give Major one last chance to shine

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Outspoken comments by senior Tories have put John Major's leadership back on the agenda just before the party conference

SENIOR Conservative right-wingers have bluntly told the prime minister that time is running out for him to reassert his authority over the party.

In a calculated intervention that will set the alarm bells ringing in Downing Street and propel the leadership question to the top of the agenda at next week's conference in Blackpool, the officers of the 80-strong right-wing 92 Group of Tory MPs effectively put Mr Major on probation.

They also publicly endorsed many of the criticisms of his performance restricted so far to a handful of backbench mavericks, who the prime minister has dismissed as "barmy". However, they urged their parliamentary colleagues and conference activists to stop "sniping" at Mr Major and give him a last chance to restore his grip on the government.

Internal Tory tensions were heightened last night when John Redwood, the Euro-sceptic Welsh secretary, who is widely assumed to be one of the cabinet "bastards" privately denounced by Mr Major, delivered a scathing assault on European monetary union. Speaking at a dinner in Cliveden, Buckinghamshire, Mr Redwood said that the Maastricht plan for a single currency appeared "dead ... on the basis of the timetable set out in the treaty". If countries sought to chain their currencies together "in a storm [it] could threaten each and every boat in the flotilla".

Mr Redwood's opposition to scrapping the pound was more forthright than Mr Major's, who has sought to put monetary union on the back burner by describing it as unrealistic. With a hazardous EC summit due at the end of the month, Mr Major is likely to regard this latest display of Euro-sceptic muscle-flexing as unhelpful.

Yesterday, the prime minister and his senior colleagues held a 45-minute meeting at Downing Street designed to stop the rot.

As they put the finishing touches to their preparations for a fightback at the conference, Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, urged ministers to pepper their speeches with a strong restatement of traditional Conservative values, to emphasise their differences with the other parties, and to show how current policies were in line with the themes established in 1979.

While acknowledging grass-roots concern over the events of the past year, Sir Norman told his colleagues that party members were ready to rally to the prime minister's side under the conference slogan *Building on the Recovery*.

The theme is similar to Labour's *Building for the Future* at its Brighton conference. Sir Norman said that if ministers delivered their side of the bargain, the representatives would do likewise and that Blackpool could be a turning point in their fortunes.

The backbench warning, remarkable in its candour, was contained in a letter to newspapers yesterday from Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group, and John Townend, a member of its steering group. It is intended to steady the party ahead of what threatens to be a stormy week in Blackpool while leaving Mr Major in no doubt of the extent of dissatisfaction with him and his government.

The MPs admit that morale among Tory supporters is at a "pretty low ebb" and that numbers and money are dwindling. "Few in the party know precisely where we are going, so it is hardly surprising that this grass-roots anxiety has been voiced by some of our colleagues.

"Yet it is far too facile to blame all this on John Major's leadership. True, we have had a bruising year and some bad misjudgments, but many of us are convinced that John Major must be given more time to pull the party round, without such constant sniping. No man can be expected to lead a party successfully with a gun forever levelled at his head."

Some senior Tories believe that the prime minister has gravely damaged his reputation over the past few weeks with his venomous private asides against his critics revealing an increasingly sensitive and insecure figure.

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CONFERENCE SKETCH

Autocues and the naked ape

Matthew Parris

A behavioural scientist, some Desmond Morris of the political world, would spend his time at party conferences recording not what politicians say but their unconscious behaviour while they say it: their head and eye movements, their body language.

Take, for instance, John Smith and his underpants at Welsh Night here in Brighton. The Labour leader was presented with a pair of underpants emblazoned on the crutch with a Welsh dragon. It was a friendly jape, but Mr Smith is not at home in circumstances of public merriment. Still, he accepted the gift with the best grace he could muster, plus a quip or two. This was conscious behaviour, and unremarkable.

It was the instinctive action which followed that interested me. As soon as attention had moved from this presentation, Smith flung the underpants away from him, with force, to the floor: an act of violent unconscious rejection, as though they were full of spiders. Freudians would have found the moment fascinating.

Or take the home affairs debate yesterday morning. The platform party arrived early. John Prescott, in a world of his own, studied his press cuttings, doubtless of his triumph on Wednesday. This was Tony Blair's debate.

I had to leave, and decided to watch it on video over lunch, at times fast-forwarding, or returning to dwell on a passage. Video distances you from a scene, allowing you to notice the little things rather than the main event, and the first thing I noticed was the straitjacket that the use of an autocue machine places on speechmaking.

The two glass screens from which the speaker reads his text are placed to the left and right, allowing him to sweep the room as he speaks, in a style which is thought "natural". The video camera, however, is in front of him. Thus the television viewer sees somebody apparently trying to avoid his gaze, casting his eyes manically to each side, but never ahead.

Archivists of the future may suppose that our politicians were in fact physically incapable of looking in front of them. Freeze-framed the politician looks rather like those ancient Egyptians in temple murals: the torso face on, the head sideways. Fast forwarded the impression is of a net-side spectator at a tennis match.

And then there are the movements of the facial muscles. Here again, the VCR's fast-forward function reveals much.

During Mr Blair's speech there was an extended passage about racism, in which he was telling us (presumably) that he is against it. But it was unnecessary to listen to the words, as the whole passage was accompanied by unusually agitated brow movements and a wider opening of the mouth. When the section on racism was over, the storm passed, and a measure of facial composure was restored during his remarks about policing.

After a while (we are still fast-forwarding) the neck jerks grew more violent and the mouth began opening wide again. "Something's up," I thought.

Mr Blair's eyes seemed to bulge. The tempo of left/right swivel rose. His pupils started to dilate.

"He's approaching his peroration," I thought. I pressed the "play" button. "... that is Labour's way. That is Britain's future. Together, in government, we will do it."

It was over. The autocue screens went blank. His whole face relaxed.

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return of Mr Nadir," the official said. Mr Nadir, who when he first arrived on the island maintained a very high profile, is now rarely seen outside his villiage of Lapta.

Robert Owen QC, for the prosecution, said it was not possible to predict when Mr Nadir would return and in those circumstances, it would be "manifestly unjust for the matter to be held in abeyance so far as Mr Turner is concerned". Mr Turner said as he left court that he was in "a state of shock". His solicitor Jeremy Wall read a statement describing the stress and strain of the past two years and Mr Turner's delight that he had finally been cleared. The judge said Mr Turner's costs incurred before he was granted legal aid would be reimbursed by the Crown.

The case was due to be heard next week but Mr Justice Tucker adjourned the matter indefinitely, saying: "I have no other course to take."

Survey shows 75% oppose Chancellor on newspaper VAT

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY three quarters of the population is opposed to VAT on newspapers, magazines and books, a MORI poll for *The Times* has found.

Hostility to the tax, which the Chancellor has hinted he may impose on a range of zero-rated goods, is strongest among lower-income groups, who spend three times more of their income on books, newspapers and periodicals than the better-off.

Seventy-six per cent of people in the DE socio-economic group said VAT should not be introduced on newspapers, compared with 58 per cent of people in the AB group. The poll of 1,819 adults showed that opposition to levying the tax on books was even higher, with 82 per cent of the DE group and 72 per cent of the AB group against it.

VAT at 17.5 per cent could raise the price of *The Times* from 30p to 35p, *The Daily Telegraph* from 48p to 57p and the *Daily Mail* from 32p to 38p. The price of a typical paperback book could go up from £4.99 to £5.87.

Newspaper editors yesterday said that the tax would have a serious effect on the industry. Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, said: "If dozens of smaller papers and magazines have to close as a result, it will represent a diminution of the free press and of the public's right to know." Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of *The Independent*, said publishers would almost certainly have to pass on the cost of VAT to readers.

The Publishers Association said the poor would be most affected by VAT on books: "Over 70 per cent of the 300 million books sold each year are bought by less well-off groups, old-age pensioners and young adults under 24."

Their comments followed warnings yesterday from the British Retail Consortium and the Confederation of British Industry that the extension of VAT to zero-rated goods, which also include items such as children's clothing, in the Budget could damage prospects of an economic recovery.

Publishing analysts believe that the Treasury has been over-optimistic in its estimate that the measure could raise £500 million from the newspaper industry.

A survey by the consultant Price Waterhouse for the Newspaper Society, which represents the provincial press, predicted that it would cause big cuts in circulation, lead to closure of up to 20 per cent of regional titles, and wipe out 2,500 jobs.

☐ Campaigning television documentaries and consumer programmes such as *Panorama* and *The Cook Report* could be prevented from exposing crime and corruption by curbs on the media being considered by ministers.

The warning was issued yesterday by leading figures from broadcasting and the press at a seminar in London organised by the Association of British Editors, the Guild of British Newspaper Editors and the International Press Institute. They resolved to draw up their own "white paper" putting the case against tighter regulations.

Brown ploy puts Tories under tax pressure

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE MPs are to be given an unexpected final opportunity to force John Major to abandon VAT on fuel bills.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, is planning an unprecedented Commons ploy to exploit the growing revolt inside the Tory party over the Budget plan to widen the VAT net.

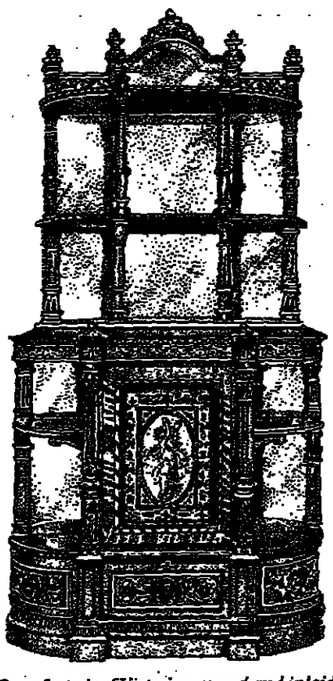
It means that Conservative MPs could come under intense pressure from their constituency party officials at next week's Conservative conference to swallow their reservations about voting with Labour and throw out the VAT increase before the first 8 per cent rise comes into force on April 1 next year.

Mr Brown's gambit could be lethal for Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke, who has indicated that he wants to extend the coverage of VAT and is refusing to budge on the increases announced.

But with yesterday's MORI poll in *The Times* finding that 92 per cent of the population oppose VAT on home heating, making it more unpopular than the poll tax, an outcry is expected at Blackpool.

Mr Brown has been handed a chance to raise the issue again because of the switch in the timing of the Budget from the spring to this November. Shadow ministers have learnt from the Commons authorities that an attempt to reverse the tax during the report stage of the new finance bill next February and March would be in order.

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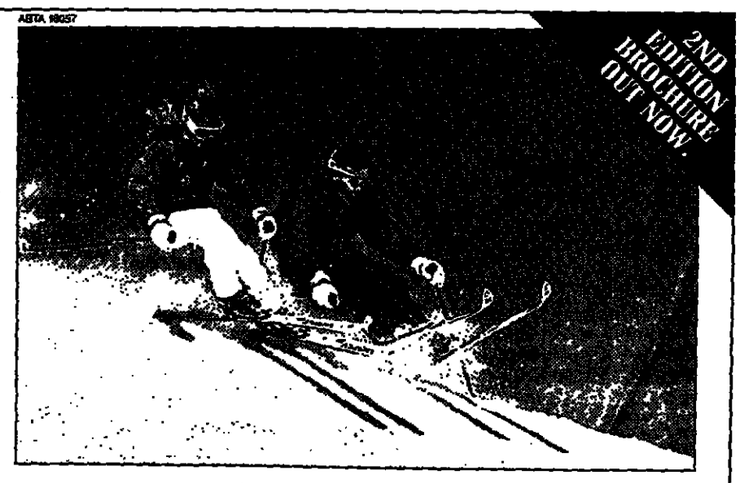
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'Infatuated' woman denies recruiting son to murder wife

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A DIVORCEE recruited her 16-year-old son to kill the wife of a lay preacher she had coveted for years, a court was told yesterday.

Janet Marshall, 37, was stabbed 15 times, beaten and strangled in the living room of her home in north London. Her husband, Ancell Marshall, was last year cleared of her murder by an Old Bailey judge who ruled there was no case to answer.

Yesterday, the court was told that Rene Sampat, 37, from Tottenham, north London, became obsessed with Mr Marshall after having lessons at the driving school he ran in 1985.

Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, said Mrs Sampat, a registered childminder and mother of five children, tried unsuccessfully over the next six years to win his affections. "There was a shadow which had been hanging over them [the Marshalls] for some years. That shadow was Rene Sampat."

When her attempts failed, Mr Sweeney said, she persuaded her son Roy Aziz, now 18 and also from Tottenham, to murder Mrs Marshall. Mrs Sampat and her son both deny murder.

Mr Sweeney said Mr Marshall, who moved to Britain from Jamaica with his family in the 1960s, arranged for Mrs Sampat to be taught by another driving instructor after she began touching his hand and leg and making sexual suggestions.

But her infatuation continued. Mrs Sampat, who has five children from a previous marriage, befriended Mr Marshall's family and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church where he was a lay preacher.

In 1986, Mr Sweeney said, Mrs Sampat made three claims of rape knowing that Mr Marshall, as part of his church duties, would be obliged to visit her. When he did on one of the three occasions, Mrs Sampat allegedly kissed him and asked him to have sex with her. He refused, advising her to go to the police about her claim that she had been raped.

Her pursuit of Mr Marshall, who was married for 17 years and at that stage had three children, continued. Mr Sweeney said that in 1987 she told his father she was in love with his son. "She said she did not want to marry him, just to have a relationship with him."

She began showering gifts on the family. On Mrs Marshall's birthday in 1987 she persuaded a friend to lend her the key to their flat so that she could prepare a surprise meal for her and decorate the room as part of the celebrations.

In the winter of 1988, Mrs Sampat allegedly told a friend of the Marshalls, with whom she was holidaying in Tunisia, that she would marry him if anything befell his wife. She told the friend she had had an affair with Mr Marshall and had become pregnant but had had to have an abortion.

Mr Sweeney said it was after Mrs Marshall became pregnant with her fourth child, in September 1989, that Mrs Sampat's approach changed. "Unpleasant poison pen letters started arriving at the family home," he told the court.

These gradually became more venomous. One of the letters, signed with the name Eric, said Mrs Marshall would die on the first birthday of her youngest daughter.

It was on April 28, 1991, a few days before the baby's birthday, that Mrs Marshall was killed.

Mr Sweeney said that, although Mrs Sampat had not been present at the murder, "she was the person with the motive who set it up and who assisted on the night of the murder and thereafter.

"She was infatuated with him and tried in various ways over a number of years to win him over, without success. She determined that Janet Marshall should be murdered so that Ancell could be hers."

The trial continues today.

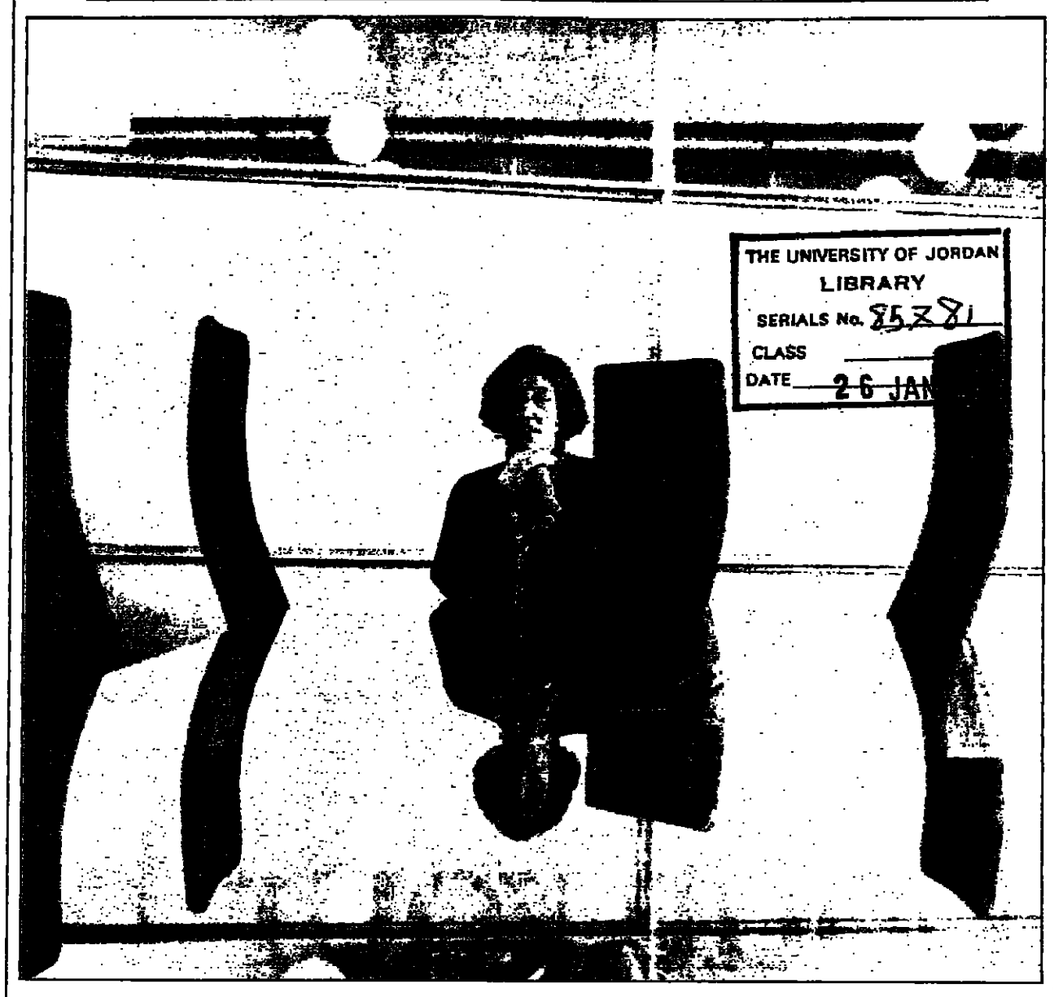


Marshall: wife was stabbed and strangled



Sampat: advances were rejected for years

PR queen steps down in boardroom shuffle



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LYNNE Franks has stepped down as chairman of the public relations company she founded 23 years ago to pursue other interests. But she will retain close ties with the business she started in her kitchen, which is now the third-largest PR company in the UK. Ms Franks, who it is claimed was the inspiration for the BBC comedy programme *Absolutely Fabulous*, will remain an active board member responsible for day-to-day operations. Samantha Royston, managing director, said: "The change of title reflects the fact that she can now spend more time pursuing her other interests." Graham Goodkind, a company spokesman, refused to say what those interests were, but added: "Lynne will still be very much a part of the company." Ms Franks was on holiday in America yesterday.

Solici jailed for bigamy and theft

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SOLICITOR who bigamously married and then stole from his clients to keep three women was jailed for three years yesterday.

Victor Harris, 40, who had denied all the charges, spent the money on two former wives and a girl friend, buying cars for them and himself. He was eventually having to pay £8,000 a month in mortgage repayments, Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told.

Judge Colgan told Harris he took into account his expulsion from the Law Society, but criticised him for unnecessarily putting his first wife, Carol, into the witness box on the bigamy charge.

Harris had blamed her for the bigamy involving his second marriage, to Karen Eccles, saying Carol told him she had divorced him.

Harris, of Wokingham, Berkshire, who faced two trials, was found guilty by one jury of 10 charges involving almost £300,000 — three of theft, six of false accounting and one of obtaining more than £95,000 from the Britannia Building Society by deception, and by a second jury of bigamy in his second marriage in December 1982.

The fraud charges related to his one-man practice, Blakeney Greene & Co of Reading, Berkshire, between December 1988 and December 1990, when the firm was closed by the Law Society.

Nicholas Dean, for the prosecution, told the court that since the firm had closed the Law Society had paid out £507,000 to compensate clients and was considering claims worth a further £224,000.

Harris married Karen Eccles in a Roman Catholic ceremony in 1982, almost 10 years before he was divorced from his first wife Carol. He also had a girl friend, Georgina Vokes. Harris said that Carol had assured him that they were divorced but he never saw papers confirming this.

He used clients' cash to buy an £11,000 Ford Escort XR3i, spent £21,000 on a BMW for Carol and got himself a £30,000 Jaguar.

Harris was jailed for two and a half years for fraud and six months for bigamy.

Judge dismisses baby murder charge

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A JUDGE dismissed a murder charge yesterday against a 15-year-old babysitter alleged to have gone to a disco after hanging a 23-month-old boy left in her care.

Mr Justice McKinnon, who had been expected to start his summing-up in the trial at Winchester Crown Court, instead directed the jurors to return a not guilty verdict. He told them: "You could not reasonably be sure in this case that this tragic death was other than a complete accident."

The 15-year-old defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had admitted leaving the baby, Stephen Jarvis, alone at his home in Thornhill, Southampton, last November while she went to a disco. She claimed he was asleep in his cot when she left.

The boy was found hanging by his jumper, and a post-mortem examination showed he had died of asphyxia. An inquest in March returned a verdict of accidental death, but later the girl's best friend went to police claiming she had seen the girl murder Stephen.

During the trial the friend, also 15, claimed to have seen the babysitter violently shaking Stephen until his body went limp. The witness claimed she then saw the girl tie the sleeves of his jumper to the cot and hang him over the side before they went out. The babysitter denied harming Stephen.

Nicholas Atkinson QC, for the prosecution, said the babysitter was hyperactive after taking three temazepam tranquillisers with half a bottle of peach wine. The girl admitted taking two of the tablets, but said it had not affected her judgment.

The judge told the jury there was no evidence to show how Stephen's sleeves had been tied to the cot. "I cannot allow you to speculate," he said.

Charles Ackroyd, the girl's solicitor, said afterwards that she was "relieved and overjoyed" at the outcome of the trial, which had been a "dreadful trauma" for her.

Nurse 'went on thieving spree for NHS drugs'

AN ADDICTED nurse stole drugs worth £100,000 from hospital operating theatres in a spree of burglaries, a court was told yesterday.

Margaret Egbo, 32, raided drug cabinets at King's College Hospital, St Bart's Hospital, and the London Chest Hospital, all in the capital, early last year, the Inner London Crown Court was told. She was heavily pregnant at the time and addicted to opium, Paul Bucknell, for the prosecution, said.

He said Mrs Egbo was first arrested on the roof of St Bart's with a "cocktail" of drugs and armed with a Stanley knife.

Mr Bucknell said that Mrs Egbo was bailed by police but tricked a locksmith to get her back into the hospital to steal more drugs. She was trapped by police again, and again was given bail.

Mrs Egbo then entered an operating theatre at King's College Hospital, in south London, pretending to be a job seeker, but was ejected, he said.

On a second visit to King's she was caught going through bins used for discarded needles and drugs and was once again arrested and released, the court was told. Mrs Egbo had been finally arrested as she left the London Chest Hospital loaded with drugs and needles.

Mrs Egbo, of Hackney, east London, who worked as a staff nurse at St Bart's early in 1992, denies four counts of burglary.

The case continues today.

Lawyer sentenced for rape attempt

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A SOLICITOR who inflicted a "terrifying and degrading" ordeal on a woman lawyer after both had been to a St Andrew's day ball was jailed for three years for attempted rape yesterday.

Angus Diggle, 37, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, was told by Judge David Williams at Swansea Crown Court that he had betrayed the trust placed in him by his victim and had committed a "very serious" offence.

The 25-year-old woman, who was not in court to see Diggle sentenced, later expressed her "shock" at its severity. "I had no expectation it would be as long as that. I am not saying it is too harsh. I am quite shocked," she said.

Diggle, who is considering an appeal, had accompanied the solicitor, aged 25, from Edinburgh, referred to as Miss X, to the ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane last December. He pounced on her as she slept at a friend's flat in London where both had gone to stay the night.

Diggle claimed the woman, who had invited him to sleep on the sofa in the same room as her bed, had indicated that she wanted to have sex by undressing in front of him and sitting on the bed. But the judge disagreed. "I have come to the conclusion that your attitude to women leaves a great deal to be desired."

The judge said that when Miss X invited Diggle to sleep on the sofa she had not envisaged in her mind that a sexual encounter would ensue. "I am firmly of the opinion that it was firmly in yours as the evening wore on," the judge said. "You subjected her to what was no doubt a terrifying and degrading ordeal."

Diggle was convicted at the Old Bailey in August after a week-long trial. It emerged during mitigating evidence that since his conviction he had sent two letters to the judge pleading for leniency.

Michael Borrelli, for the defence, said the offence fell exceptionally low on the scale and the punishment should reflect that, especially given the media coverage, and the fact that Diggle would be struck off the roll of solicitors.

The judge said Diggle had made matters worse for the victim by referring to the amount of money he had spent on her as if it was some entitlement to her body. He had put her through questioning in the witness box designed to show that she was a promiscuous woman, which had visibly upset her.



Diggle: betrayed trust put in him by victim

Robbers bungle good deed

BUNGLING robbers dumped their haul of gold and jewels worth £300,000 at a charity shop by mistake and then tried to recover it yesterday.

A woman walked into the Helping Hand charity shop in Enfield, north London, asked: "Do you want this?" and handed over a black rubbish sack. Staff found stolen gold and gems with price tags attached inside.

Kerry Smith, the shop's manager, called police after the find on Wednesday but was stunned when the woman returned yesterday and asked for the bag, saying she had left the wrong one.

Ms Smith said: "When we started going through donations one of the volunteers, Nell, said, 'Look at this,' and handed me another bag. I opened it and there was a huge pile of gold and jewels. Of course we called the police straight away. That's certainly the biggest amount we have had dropped off in the doorway.

"Then the woman came back and said she had left the wrong bag. She wanted it back because she had a jumper in it she wanted. She was blonde and quite young. I called the police again but she was long gone by the time they got here."

Palace shuts up shop to count takings

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AS THEY close their doors this afternoon on an eight-week tourist invasion, Buckingham Palace officials say they are confident of reaching their year's £1.75 million revenue target to help rebuild Windsor Castle after its fire last November.

More than 390,000 visitors have wandered through the 18 staterooms. The number is slightly below projections: plans for 8,000 a day had to be trimmed because of overcrowding and because people were taking longer than had been thought to make the tour.

A slight reduction in the numbers paying between £4 and £8 a head admission has been more than compensated for by the unexpected success of the souvenir shop in the palace garden at the end of the tour. Within days of the August opening, the temporary shack had to be replaced by a much bigger one to cope with demand.

Once final figures are computed this weekend, the palace is expected to announce that souvenir shop gross takings approached £2 million, higher than expected, although there will be extra costs to set against the takings, including temporary buildings and hiring part-time staff. Profits would have been even higher had the shop not kept running out of popular lines, including glassware and china, necessitating urgent calls to suppliers to increase production.

Senior palace officials will now hold meetings to decide what improvements can be made in time for next year's eight-week opening in August. This year's experiment, the first time that the palace has been open to the general public, has not been without its hitches. The palace says that the timed ticket system has been a success, with long queues building up in the early morning, but waiting time reduced to no more than 20 minutes once the ticket office opened.

One early problem that caused serious delays was the hand security search imposed on visitors as they entered the palace precincts. Hand-searching was replaced with X-ray machines, and the delays were reduced.

Criticism was also voiced of the complete absence of anywhere to sit down during a tour which lasted on average an hour and a half. Some seating was eventually introduced.

It remains undecided whether the summer opening of Buckingham Palace will become a permanent feature of the London tourist scene.

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Marietta Higgs is accused of missing signs of battering

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MARIETTA Higgs, the doctor at the centre of the Cleveland child abuse scandal, was said yesterday to have made a faulty diagnosis in the case of a battered baby she treated who later died at the hands of his father.

Dr Higgs, who in 1987 claimed to have uncovered massive sexual abuse of children but was subsequently discredited, allegedly did not recognise that the injuries received by the baby had been suffered as the result of an attack by his father, Karl Davison, in August 1992.

Six weeks after being examined, Michael Davison, aged 13 weeks, died from brain injuries suffered from being shaken violently by his father at their home in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Davison was yesterday jailed for five years by Newcastle Crown Court after admitting manslaughter of the child.

Dr Higgs saw the child in August 1992 when his father took him to hospital, saying the baby had hit his head on a door during a tantrum.



Higgs: ordered a head - X-ray to be taken

Michael was given treatment including a head X-ray, but no further action was taken.

Yesterday, a Home Office pathologist reported finding signs of other injuries possibly associated with the previous incident. Dr John McCarthy said that fractures to five ribs and both legs could date from then. He also said the child could not have caused the head injury by himself.

The child's family has called for Dr Higgs to be sacked. She is consultant at the special care baby unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, to be sacked. They also want her struck off the medical register and are taking legal advice about a claim for negligence.

Diane Smedley, 18, the baby's mother, said after the hearing: "This has ruined my life. We just accepted what the doctors told us the first time we took him to hospital."

Dr Higgs would not comment on the case. The hospital issued a statement in which it expressed regret at the incident and offered condolence to the family. "The child's injuries were found to be consistent with the mother's story of how they occurred and as a result a diagnosis of accidental injury was made. The available evidence supports the hospital medical team's diagnosis and indicates that the child was cared for appropriately and professionally."

The court was told how the child's death last October was considered a cot death, until a post-mortem examination found the brain injuries.

Paul Worsley QC, for the prosecution, said that on August 26, 1992, Dr Higgs had examined Michael after the alleged accident. "The doctors looked at the baby and X-rays were taken. It was thought this was an accident. The X-ray appeared to show no fracture. No chest X-rays were carried out. What the doctors found was swelling to the crown of the head, bruising to the left side of the temple, then small linear marks as if he had struck a linear surface. At the time it appeared to all, including the doctors, that the defendant's explanation was acceptable."

Cross examined by David Robson QC, for the defence, the pathologist agreed that Dr Higgs was a child abuse expert. "She is an expert and conscientious lady and she had called for a radiologist to look specifically for signs of a fracture."

Mr Worsley said the truth only came out after the post-mortem enquiry, something Davison had tried to persuade Miss Smedley not to have done. It showed fractures to the ribs consistent with being punched or gripped tightly.



Maria Korda sent an abusive letter ...

British film mogul reviled by first wife

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

SIR Alexander Korda, the father of the modern British film industry, was a tortured man who received an abusive letter from his first wife every day after their marriage ended until he died.

Korda opened and read each letter from Maria, a former cabaret star and silent film actress, according to two BBC films which track the film-maker's private and professional lives.

Steven Pallos, a business partner, describes Korda, whose films included *The Third Man*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *The Thief of Baghdad* and *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, as "a lonely man in his first marriage to Maria, one of the most beautiful women I ever met". And Korda's nephew Michael says: "To describe their marriage as unhappy is like describing the atomic bomb as a big bang. It was beyond the scale of unhappiness."

The films, by Peter Sasdy, Korda's fellow Hungarian and Hammer horror director, celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Korda's birth in 1893. Mr Sasdy said that Maria, the first of Korda's three wives, could not accept the end of their marriage in 1929. According to Tibor Csato, Korda's doctor, she wrote letters to the film mogul every day until he died in 1956 at the age of 62.

"They were full of demands, emotional and financial blackmail. Alexander had to open them all in a state of self-torture. She was an extraordinary character and became a sort of legend in her own right."

Korda dominated the Hungarian film industry and took control of British Lion and Shepperton studios when he came to England. He is credited with launching the film careers of Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard and Merle Oberon, Korda's second wife.

Mr Sasdy, whose first film for BBC2's *Omnibus* is shown next week, said: "He could not have existed today because, like Sam Goldwyn, he wanted to do everything himself and nowadays you have to refer to other people."



... to her ex-husband Alexander each day

Death rates league is 'misleading'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A LEAGUE table of health authority death rates produced by the Department of Health has come under attack from doctors and hospital managers who said it was misleading and based on unreliable data.

Hospitals reacted angrily to publication of the league table in *The Times* which showed death rates among patients with appendicitis, hernia and gall bladder problems who needed abdominal surgery. They said the number of deaths on which the table was based, which were not disclosed by the department, were too small to be meaningful.

Harrogate, Lancaster and West Cumbria health authorities, which were shown at the top of the table with death rates more than twice those expected, denied that the figures showed their hospitals were unsafe (see page 2). Some of the deaths, which were recorded by place of residence, occurred before patients got to hospital or outside the district where they lived.

Harrogate said it had seven deaths over five years from the conditions listed in the league table. Three of the patients had no operation and three died at home. Lancaster said it had four deaths in the five years, three of which occurred in patients with terminal conditions on admission to hospital.

West Cumbria said it had six deaths: two patients died without admission to hospital, two had no operation and two were operated on outside the district.

"To comment on surgical management or hospital services on the strength of such figures is clearly unacceptable," said Anne Lawson, consultant surgeon at Harrogate District Hospital.

The Department of Health defended the table, produced as part of a package of health indicators sent to all health authorities to help them identify areas of poor performance. It said the deaths recorded in the table, which are defined as "avoidable" (because their causes can be treated), could have resulted from poor care by GPs or a failure by doctors to intervene sooner. "We have confidence in the figures even though they are small," a spokesman said.

David Symes, an NHS management consultant and expert on the health indicators, said the small number of deaths on which the table was based undermined its value. "If these are the best statistics we have then it demonstrates the need for better figures which will enable patients to make proper comparisons," he said.

James Coles, a director of Caspe Research, a firm of health consultants, said the table was one of the first attempts to measure the outcome of care by the NHS. "It is there to signal where the NHS is failing. But it applies to the whole NHS and all the blame for failures cannot be laid at the door of the surgeons," he said.

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Pensions shake-up will protect 11m workers from plunderers

BY LINDSAY COOK
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

■ New rules on pension schemes include provision of compensation. The questions and answers below set out the benefits

THE report of the Pension Law Review Committee, headed by Professor Roy Goode, wants the 11 million members of occupational pension schemes to be secure even if their funds are plundered. If the government backs the committee's recommendations, all existing scheme members and pensioners can be sure that even if another Robert Maxwell raided their pension funds they would not end their days in poverty.

The committee also wants every pension scheme to have an annual report written in plain English. Currently, schemes have to provide information only if asked and then it might be almost three years out of date.

A MORI poll at the weekend showed widespread ignorance of pension schemes. Almost 75 per cent of members could not name one trustee of their occupational scheme. The report recommends member trustees but does not expect every scheme to have an independent trustee to watch over members' interests.

If all of the recommendations are accepted by the government, it could take up to five years for them to be implemented. In the meantime, individual pension scheme members need to know how safe is their retirement money. Here are answers to the questions they may be asking.

How safe is my pension?

Most of the 725,000 occupational pension schemes are run properly with employers making sure that there is enough money to cover the benefits that have been promised, whatever happens to the investments.

What would happen if the fund were raided?

Occupational pensions are currently outside the Investors Compensation Scheme. Maxwell pensioners have so far had to rely on government funding and charity to keep their payments going.

How would the Goode report change this?

It recommends that the compensation board should meet claims if a pension fund loses money through fraud, theft or misappropriation and the employer has gone bust. The board would then place a levy on all occupational schemes at the end of the year.

How long would pensioners have to wait?

Once running, there should be no delays in paying compensation. While money would only be paid for fraud, theft and misappropriate, Professor Goode recommends interim payments to alleviate financial distress, rather than scheme members having to wait years for the conviction of a fraudster or thief before payment could be made.

Who would fund the compensation — employers or employees?

The report suggests that where money purchase schemes are concerned, the employer should make good any levy. In final salary schemes, the money might come from the fund. If this caused the scheme to fall below the new solvency requirements recommended by Goode then the size of employees' contribution might increase, as might the employers'.

My financial adviser says that a personal pension is safer. Should I change?

In the vast majority of cases, occupational pension schemes offer better benefits. Employees who do not join their scheme forgo the employer's contribution — often several times their own 4 or 5 per cent, plus death-in-service insurance. Frequent job-changers may be better off with a personal pension if the company offers a final salary scheme that is based on years of service.

I never get a report on the pension scheme. Is it breaking the law?

No, as schemes are not obliged to provide audited accounts or actuarial valuations unless asked. Even then, they need have the valuations undertaken only every three years. The Goode report recommends that every member should receive a report annually, written in plain English.

There are no employees or pensioners on the board of my pension scheme. Will that change with a Pensions Act?

The report wants much more member participation in the running of pension funds. It falls short, however, of requiring independent trustees or a standard of training for new members.

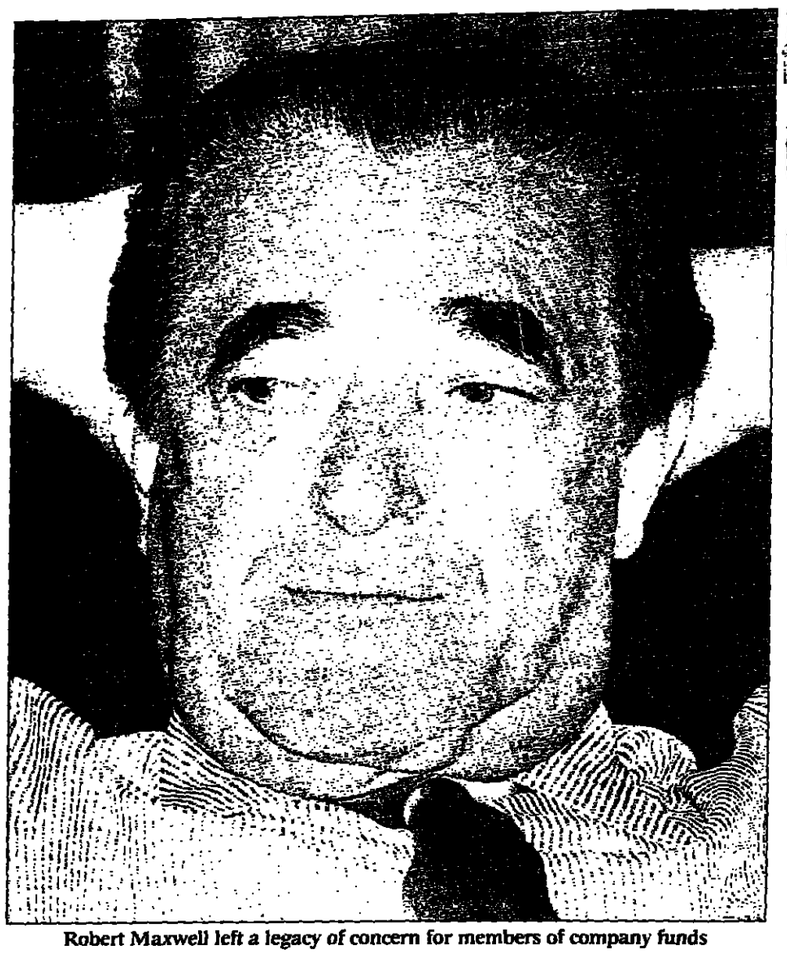
My scheme has a large surplus built up over the years. Could my employer use it to fund company expansion?

Under the current rules, part of a surplus can be used by employers as long as they observe Inland Revenue rules. In many cases, however, scheme rules ban such plundering. Under the recommendations, a Pensions Regulator would be appointed to oversee all schemes and surplus money could not be used by a company without permission from him or her.

Can I be sure that my scheme is solvent?

Currently it is possible for a scheme to fall below the level required to fund all the future benefits it has to pay. BT's scheme moved from massive surplus to deficit in a year or so. The company agreed to make large payments to restore the health of the fund. Under the Goode recommendations, schemes would have just three months to get back to the required solvency level.

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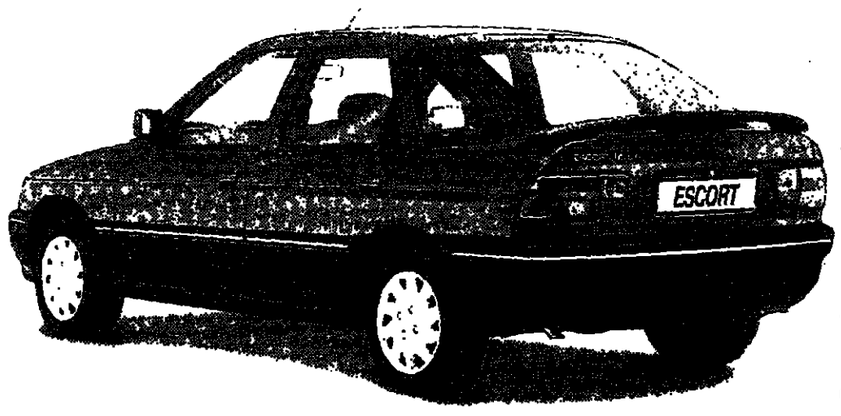
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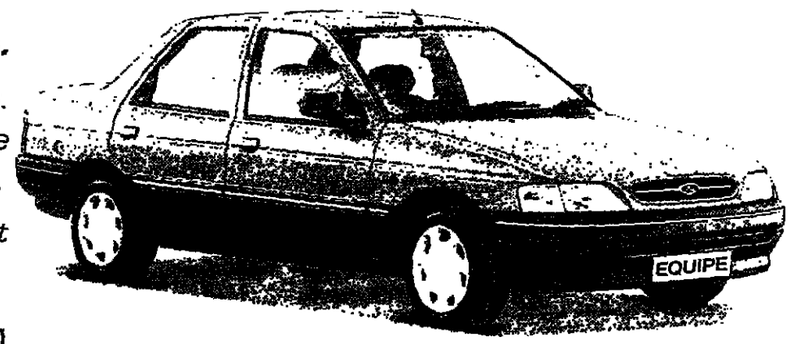


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Vegetable giants go for growth

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BRITISH vegetables are growing grosser. Despite a stunting summer, there will be more entries than ever at the United Kingdom Giant Vegetable Fruit and Flower Championship, which opens today.

Bernard Lavery, the show's organiser, expects some 800 specimens of horticultural gigantism for display over the weekend at the Baytree Nursery Garden Centre, outside Spalding in Lincolnshire.

The total tonnage of gargantuan garnish can, as yet, only be guessed at. "Some of these growers are very quiet types. They love springing surprises," Mr Lavery said.

His own surprises have included a 124lb cabbage resembling a well-filled ballgown, a Brussels sprout weighed in at 17lb and a 108lb 2oz marrow the size of a sofa.

There is £17,000 prize money to be won at the show, although the most valuable prize, £10,000 for a world record breaking pumpkin, will almost certainly go unclaimed. The record (824lb) rests in America after a three-day stay with Mr Lavery (710lb) in 1989.

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UK waste imports quadruple

BY NICK NUTTALL

IMPORTS of hazardous wastes to Britain have more than quadrupled in four years, according to the annual report of the pollution inspectorate.

Between 1988 and 1989, the rest of the world sent for disposal to Britain almost 10,500 tonnes of dangerous wastes, including highly poisonous substances such as dioxins and pesticide residues and radioactive materials. Over the past 12 months, more than 45,300 tonnes were sent for incineration, storage or disposal in landfill sites with particularly big imports from Switzerland and Germany. Britain took in 9,198 tonnes from Germany, up from 883 tonnes in 1988-9.

The figures appear to challenge the government's official position which supports a policy requiring developed countries to deal with their own noxious wastes at home.

Most of the big hazardous waste imports are coming from mainland Europe with others from the rich Middle East countries including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Kuwait.

The main destinations are Greater Manchester, Hampshire, Cheshire and the West Midlands.

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Panicking parents give sixth-formers one last push in the race for degree courses

Public school pupils hire consultants for university challenge

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS who have spent up to £100,000 on school fees are flocking to private consultants who help to "sell" their children to universities.

Professional advisers are giving pupils from leading public schools a head start in the race for university places by helping them to complete application forms.

Last year, about 140 pupils from Eton College, almost half of its university applicants, are understood to have paid one company up to £470 each for additional guidance on university entrance and careers.

The trend reflects mounting anxiety among parents, who have paid thousands of pounds in school fees, to secure places at prestigious universities for their children.

Consultants say demand is being fuelled by the new combined admissions procedure for traditional universities and the former polytechnics. This is widely expected to increase competition for "premier league" institutions held in high regard by employers. These include universities such as Bristol, Durham, York, Edinburgh, Exeter, St Andrews, Newcastle and Manchester. Under the new system, applicants can apply to eight universities instead of five. This is likely to increase the importance of well-presented applications, particularly for popular courses at favoured universities, as admissions tutors sift more candidates before arranging interviews or making conditional offers.

Cavendish Educational Consultants, in Cambridge, said it helped more than 550 university applicants last year, nearly all from a select group of public schools, including Eton and Harrow.

Michael Halstead-Morton, senior consultant, said business had more than doubled over the past five years. The firm was, for the first time, having to turn people away this month because it could not cope.

He said: "There is a real rush this year as some parents are panicking. A lot are happy to spend a couple of hundred pounds extra for an independent third party to tie up loose ends over university entry because they have already invested a mini-fortune putting their children through school." Mr Halstead-Morton said pupils often travelled from as far as Scotland for counselling. Last year, about 150 pupils paid £470 for advice over two years, covering everything from the initial choice of A-levels, to guidance for university admission interviews.

Another 400 pupils paid up to £200 for help in drafting university application forms so candidates "market themselves effectively". This often includes a vocational guidance test that tries to ensure people have chosen the right course.

Richard Leathes, director of counselling at Gabbitas Educational Consultants, central London, said parents were increasingly concerned about university admission. He said demand for advice on filling in applications and higher education in general was increasing. Last year, almost 300 pupils paid fees ranging from £120 for a one-hour consultation to £235 for a half-day.

Publishers also report a growing market in higher education advice manuals. Trotman and Company, publishers of *How To Complete Your UCAS Form*, said the 1994 edition has already sold more than 10,000 copies, double that for the whole of last year. It estimates each copy is used by ten people.

Dr Ted Nield, for the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the use of private consultants was growing in all fields. "As more and more people apply to university, people must be tempted to use professional help. It might be a symptom of nervousness among parents."

He said that, traditionally, admissions tutors found boarding school pupils were more likely to submit forms that placed them at a disadvantage. "Faced with mounting applications, there is nothing more likely to irritate an admissions tutor more than a form that has been arrogantly or stupidly filled in."

Dr Eric Anderson, head master of Eton, said he was surprised that so many pupils were apparently seeking outside advice but that many applied during a gap year after taking A-levels. He said: "I would suspect this is a new fashion.

"We have a very good university and careers team but people are entitled to seek another opinion."

JOEL CHANT



Michael Halstead-Morton, of Cavendish Educational Consultants, with Anna Taylor, a student

NEWS IN BRIEF

Phone quiz fraudster is jailed

AN accountancy student who defrauded BT of £270,000 in unpaid telephone bills ringing a computer-operated quiz game was jailed for 2½ years yesterday.

Mayo Lawal, 27, from Gorton, Greater Manchester, received hundreds of prize-winning cheques worth £22,000 from the Wheel of Fortune phone-in competition, a quiz that was virtually impossible to play profitably by honest means. He set up more than 50 bogus telephone accounts at 23 addresses in London and left the phone off the receiver for hours. Knightsbridge Crown Court was told.

His former girlfriend Nicol Warby, 18, earlier received a two-year probation order for her part in the swindle. The quiz has been shut down.

False alarm

Ronnie Kray, 59, the gangland killer, has not had a heart attack, his wife Kate said yesterday after visiting him. She said he had a potassium overdose, the effects of which were similar.

Girl freed

A girl from Willesden, north London, who threw her newborn baby to its death from a window, was placed under a supervision order until she is 19 by the Old Bailey yesterday. The girl, now 16, became pregnant by her mother's boyfriend, who has been jailed for intercourse with a juvenile.

Hoaxer jailed

Jason Reszetter, 26, unemployed of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, who told a British Airways stewardess on a flight to Athens he had a bomb, was jailed for a year yesterday.

Pupil dies

Matthew Hanlon, 17, who was injured in a rugby game at Enfield Grammar School, north London, two weeks ago, has died in hospital.

Chocs away

Judy Kinderlerer, a food microbiologist, has been given a £35,000 grant to discover why chocolate bars develop white specks. She will buy 2lb of chocolate a week for her studies.

Pulpit pulper perplexes parish

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A YORKSHIRE vicar has been given approval to destroy his pulpit, cut up the altar and sell the bishop's chair. The decision announced yesterday by an Anglican consistory court has been made in the interest of modernisation and bigger congregations.

The Rev James Butterworth, 43, minister at St Anne's in the West Yorkshire parish of Wrenthorpe for the past ten years and a committed evangelist, wants to increase his congregation from about 50 in line with a "membership drive" launched by the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield.

Mr Butterworth has found some support for his evangelical style among the congregation but there is less enthusiasm from other worshippers. Harry Asquith, 64, a retired farmer whose family has attended St Anne's for three generations, said: "Frankly, I am embarrassed by the sight of people clapping hands and prostrating themselves."

Mr Butterworth and his church wardens want their congregation "to be participants, not an audience". A carved eagle bible lectern is to be replaced by a modern lecture desk, and the original high altar will give way to a cross cut from the altar's timbers. The ornately carved bishop's chair will be replaced by a modern piece.

That and the desire to dispose of almost 50 gifts from past members of the congregation, now regarded as superfluous, has outraged many. Nancy Brighton, who has worshipped at St Anne's for 36 years, said: "Vicars come and vicars go and the parishioners are left to live with what they have done. It is a disgrace to give away memorials for people who have spent their lives working for the church."

Prisoner on leave jailed for stabbing

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A PRISONER who absconded after home leave and stabbed a policeman ten times while shouting "I will kill you", was jailed for 14 years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Only the bravery of a woman police officer who repeatedly hit the man with her truncheon saved the life of PC Martin Dudley, 32, who was stabbed in the neck, chest, arm and back.

Sgt Julie Hitchings, 35, was commended by the judge for her "very great bravery" in disarming Robert McNeil, 23, who had convictions for seven previous attacks on police. Judge Kenneth Machin, QC, said: "It was heroism of a very high standard. At personal risk to herself she succeeded in disarming that man and in all probability saved PC Dudley's life."

The judge paid tribute to PC Dudley, who is still off work, for his conduct "in the highest tradition of the Metropolitan police force" and added: "Despite being wounded, he continued to struggle with his assailant and no doubt stopped his escape."

McNeil, of Rotherhithe, southeast London, had been stopped in Lewisham with his brother Richard in the early hours of January 29 this year by Sgt Hitchings, PC Dudley and another WPC, on suspicion of theft. As PC Dudley tried to restrain him, McNeil produced a flick knife with a four-inch blade and repeatedly stabbed him. PC Dudley was taken to Lewisham Hospital, bleeding heavily from a near-severed artery in his left arm. He spent two days in intensive care.

McNeil, originally from Blantyre, Strathclyde, was on the run from Dungavel Prison in Strathaven, Strathclyde. He had absconded after being given home leave 17 months into his five-year sentence for stabbing a man through the heart. His previous convictions included one in which he nearly gouged out a policeman's eye.

McNeil, who had denied attempted murder, had admitted malicious wounding. Sentencing him, Judge Machin said: "But for the intervention of a woman police sergeant, it is clear that there is a very real risk that the officer would have died. This was a brutal and vicious assault."

After the hearing, both officers urged that police should be armed with American side-handled batons. Sgt Hitchings, in welcoming the long sentence, said: "I hope on this occasion he will not get home leave."

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Cancer kills mother 26 days after doctors deliver her first child



Janice Weddell, who brought forward her wedding after cancer was found

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN has died 26 days after doctors delivering her first baby discovered she had an incurable cancer. Hours before her death, Janice Ternent and her son's father were married.

Miss Ternent, 33, and her boy friend David Weddell, 28, were overjoyed by the safe arrival of their son Joe by Caesarian section on August 31. But their joy was shattered a week later when doctors told her that back pains she believed were caused by pregnancy were from an inoperable tumour in her pancreas. They told her that she had less than two months to live.

For the next three weeks, the couple spent every moment they could with Joe at the home of Miss Ternent's parents in Morpeth, Northumberland. She died peacfully this week with her family at her side.

Her husband said yesterday: "When Joe is old enough to understand, I will tell him what a brave and wonderful person his mother was. We had our future together planned. Janice and I were decorating a new house to bring Joe up in. We were the happiest people in the world. To lose her like this is shattering, but I will make sure Joe has everything he needs.

"Everything was going so well for us and we never suspected for a second that anything so terrible was around the corner. Joe was born three weeks early. He was a healthy 5lb 10oz and we were absolutely thrilled. He is a beautiful baby.

"Janice had a few back pains which we thought was common in a pregnancy, but there was never any cause for alarm. We went to have the pains checked out at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle in case she had problems with her liver. On September 7, they told us that Janice had cancer of the pancreas and had no more than two months to live. The feeling was indescribable.

"Janice was the most loving mother you could imagine. She wanted to go out and show Joe to the whole town because she was so proud of him, but she got weaker and weaker and all she could do was cuddle and feed him. They looked so happy together.

"In those weeks, Janice never shed a tear. She had looked forward to having him for so long that she just wanted that time to be perfect.

"Every time I look at Joe, I can't help seeing her face. He is a joy to have and I am looking forward to bringing him up. I just wish Janice was here with me. It seems so unfair."

The couple met six years ago at a pharmaceutical firm in Morpeth were Mrs Weddell worked as an export clerk and her husband is a chemical processor.

He said: "We courted for four years and had set a date to marry, but we brought it forward to September 25 because we knew the end was close. We married at 2.30pm on the 25th in the bedroom at her mum and dad's house and Janice passed away quietly at 2.05am the following day. We were together until the end."

The registrar who performed the marriage ceremony was so overcome that he twice broke down.

Dorothy Ternent, Mrs Weddell's mother, said: "She was very angry and bitter. She asked me, 'Mam, millions of women have babies every day, so why did this have to happen to me?' "



David Weddell with his son. "Everything was going so well for us"

Gummer takes years off council review

By Rachel Kelly, local government correspondent

PLANS to speed up the review of the structure of local government in England and Wales were announced yesterday by John Gummer.

The environment secretary said the acceleration was to counter uncertainty about the future and so ensure effective provision of local services. His plans emphasised the benefits of replacing the existing two-tier system of counties and districts with single-tier, unitary authorities.

Mr Gummer also announced that the Local Government Commission would review metropolitan areas, such as Southport, Merseyside, where there is pressure for change.

The government hopes that a swifter review, with clearer guidelines, will soothe the jangled nerves of Tory backbenchers. Counties and districts alike have been critical of the first set of proposals from the commission.

Mr Gummer said that the timetable for the review, which began last year, was to be halved to two and a half years, to be completed by the end of 1994, in line with the wishes of Sir John Banham, commission chairman.

Dissent over plans might have harmed Tory chances at the next general election if the final decisions were announced in 1997, and would have also threatened plans for the local government elections in May in London.

Asthma drug can trigger symptoms

By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

A DRUG widely prescribed for asthma increases sensitivity to allergens such as pollen and cat fur, scientists have found.

The drug salbutamol, also prescribed to Britain's three million asthma sufferers under the trade name Ventolin, doubles the sensitivity to allergens when taken regularly and could pose a serious risk to patients with severe asthma, according to a study in *The Lancet*.

More than 2,000 patients die from asthma each year, and the number diagnosed with the condition is increasing. Fears have grown in recent years that the inappropriate use of asthma drugs might have contributed to the rise in the death rate.

In the *Lancet* study, patients taking salbutamol regularly for two weeks became more sensitive to allergens. The protective effect of the drug also decreased over the period.

The study, by researchers in Nottingham and Canada, will add to fears about the regular use of the beta-2 agonist class of drugs, such as salbutamol. Four years ago, a study in New Zealand showed that regular use of fenoterol, another beta-2 agonist, increased the risk of death.

The researchers say that salbutamol and similar drugs should be used only occasionally to ward off an attack of wheezing. Patients whose asthma is more severe and who need regular treatment to prevent attacks should use an inhaled steroid drug, they say.

Melinda Letts, director of the National Asthma Campaign, said that many patients were failing to take a steroid prescribed with salbutamol. "Anyone who is using a relieving drug such as salbutamol more than once a day should be using a steroid preventer medicine as well."

At least 80 per cent of deaths from asthma were preventable, she said.

☐ A new drug given to patients who survive a heart attack reduces their risk of dying from a subsequent attack by more than a quarter, a study has found.

The 3½-year study of 2,000 patients in 14 countries found that survivors with evidence of heart failure who were given ramipril, one of a class of drugs called ACE inhibitors, were 27 per cent less likely to die and were less likely to have serious complications.

ACE inhibitors work by dilating the blood vessels, allowing the blood to flow more easily. Some doctors have been worried that the drugs may cause problems if they are given too soon after a heart attack but in the study the first dose was delayed until at least two days after the heart attack.

About 300,000 people a year in Britain suffer a heart attack and 48,000 men and 39,000 women die as a result. The findings, published in *The Lancet*, may be of special significance for women, who are twice as likely to die after a heart attack as men. The study found that men and women benefited equally from the drug.

Civil servants 'safe from the recession'

By Michael Dynes, whitehall correspondent

CIVIL service numbers have remained almost immune from job losses during the recession, according to a report published today.

High street banks have shed over twice as many jobs in the past four years as the entire civil service since 1987, the European Policy Forum, a cross-party think-tank, said.

Official figures suggest that since 1987, the total number of civil servants has fallen by 7.3 per cent, from 597,814 to 554,212. But most of the reduction is the result of reclassifying functions. If transfers to commercial management such as the 16,600 Devonport and Rosyth dockyards staff in 1990 are excluded, the decline in civil service numbers is nearer 2.9 per cent, the report said.

Some of the biggest departments, including the Inland Revenue and social security, had barely changed, and many smaller ones had grown. The Charities Commission increased by 43 per cent; the Land Registry by 26 per cent, and the Northern Ireland Office by 25 per cent.

"The real problem is that increasing productivity or maintaining constant ouput with sharply reduced numbers is something which is culturally foreign to the civil service," the report said.

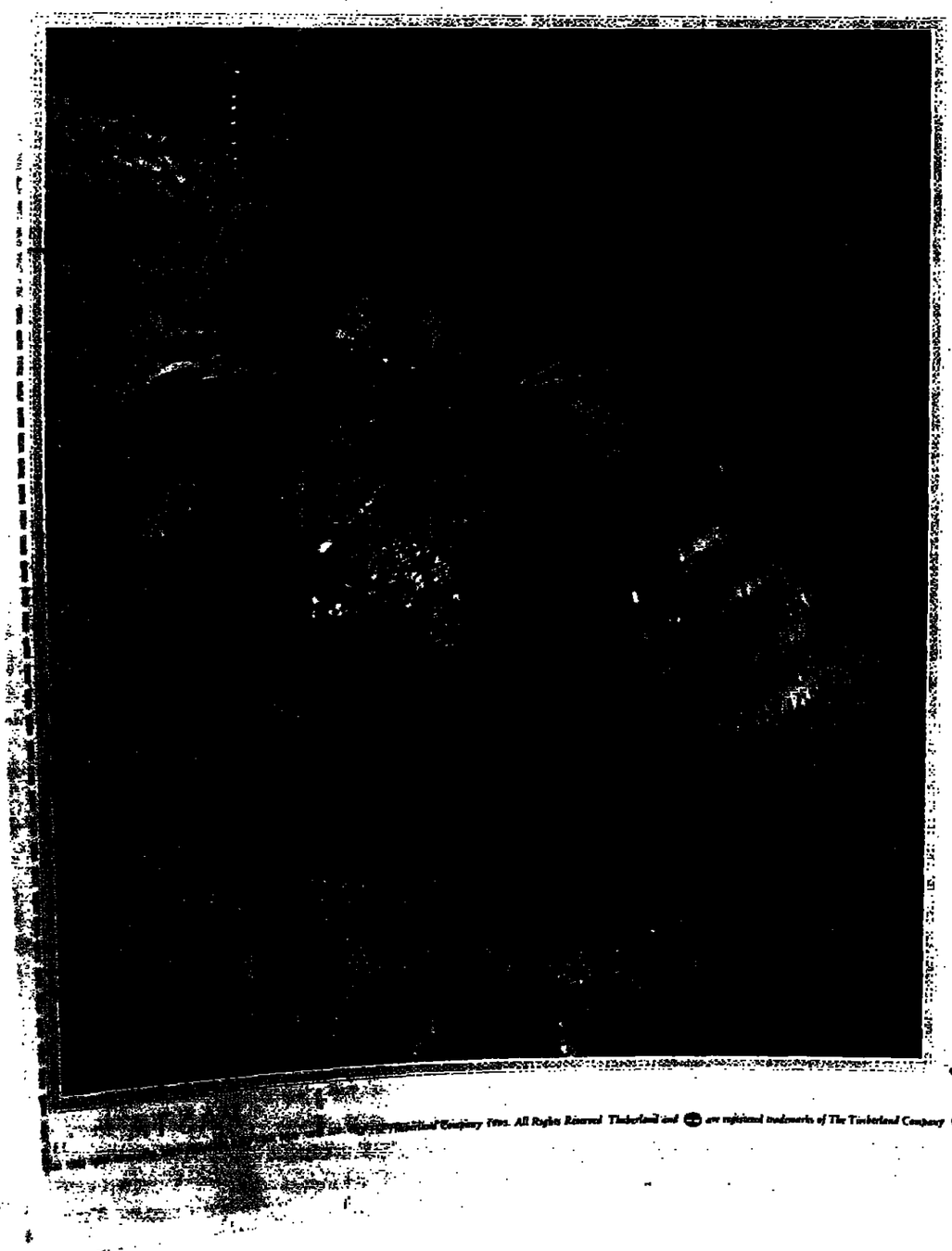
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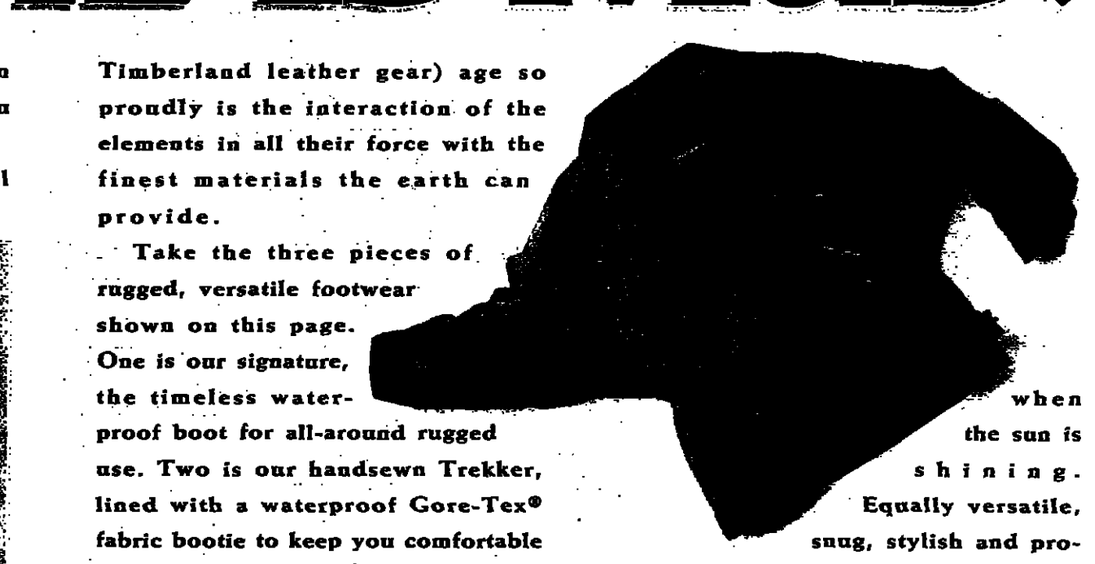
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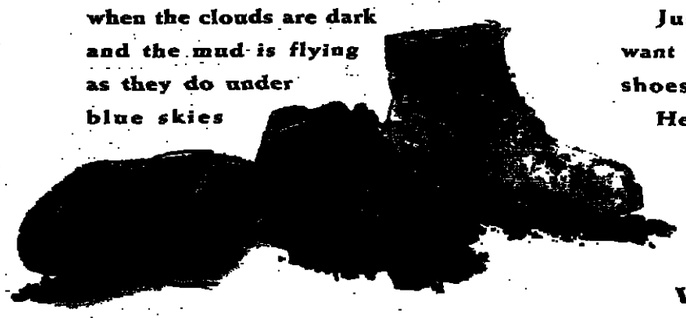
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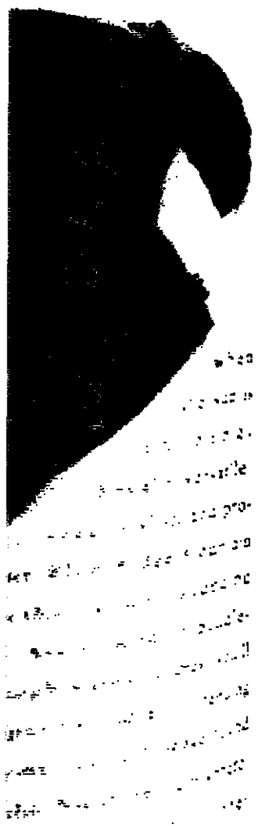
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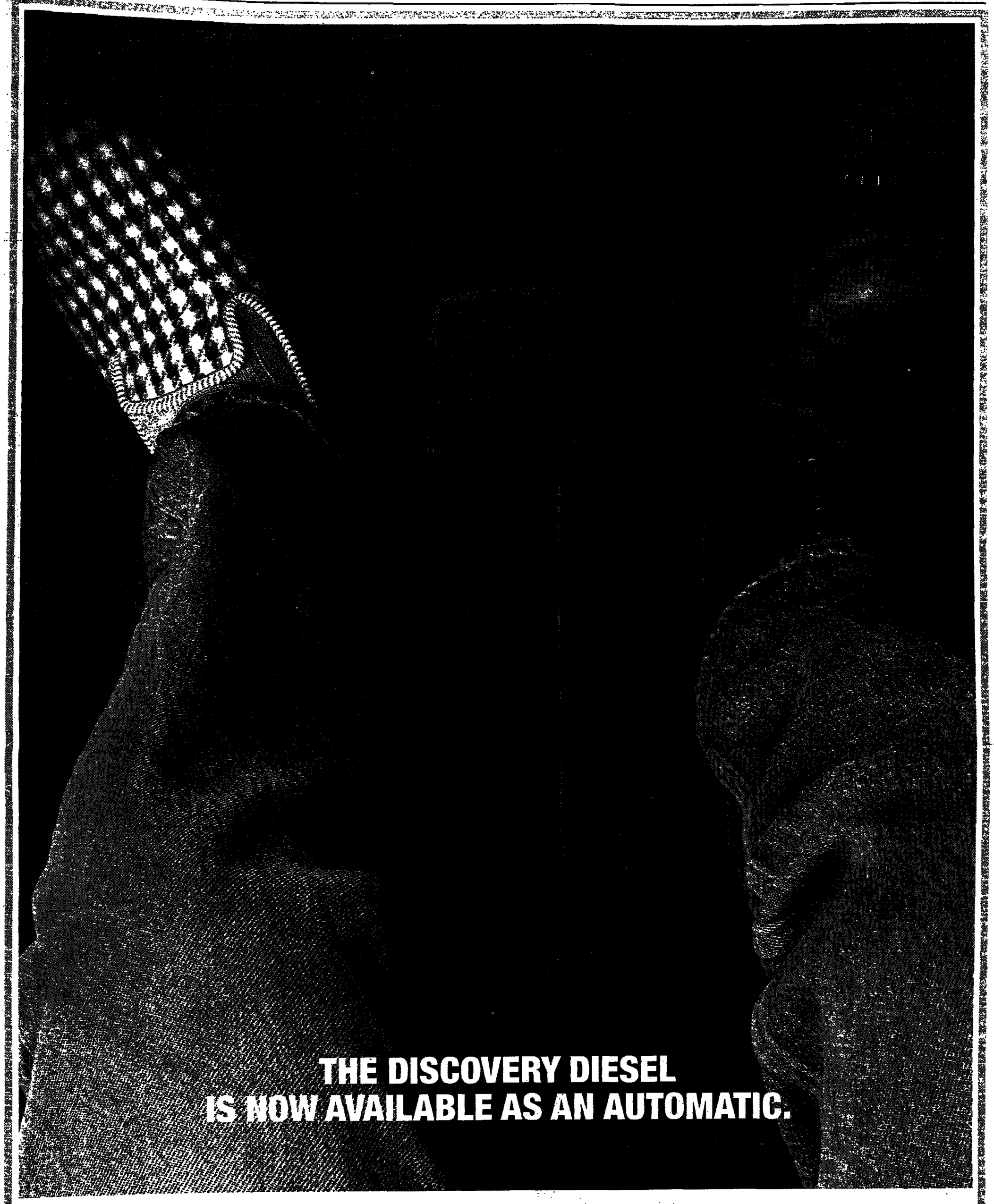
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Why Smith cannot afford to sit back and wait for victory to fall into his lap

John Smith likes to concentrate on one issue at a time, according to one of his advisers. So — after his victory on internal party democracy — what will, what should, he do next?

Mr Smith remains a puzzle. While Neil Kinnock thrived on confrontation, driving from the front and using all the levers of power, Mr Smith has adopted a more detached, consensual style. He has bursts of energy, then appears inactive publicly, whatever he is doing in private.

Instead of identifying with one faction, Mr Smith has sought to bring all along with him in a manner reminiscent of Harold Wilson — though without inspiring similar mistrust. Although from the right, he has good relations with the left. This was shown on Wednesday when he asked John Prescott from the left to intervene in the one member one vote (Omov) debate to rally support, even though this involved attacking the "modernisers" in the leadership.

To talk just of "modernisers" or "traditionalists" is misleading since the debate is both more fluid and complicated than such simple categories imply. Some favour far-reaching reform in some areas and not in others. Yet there is a real debate in the leadership about how far and how fast to go.

That is shown by the reaction to Mr Smith's speeches to the TUC and Labour party. The "traditionalist" tendency has welcomed Mr Smith's references to full employment as a firm goal and his emphasis on workers' rights. They have seen this as drawing back from the previous concern with fiscal and monetary responsibility and caution about taxes and spending. This has been presented as a setback for Gordon Brown's attempt to clear the decks of past commitments.

The "moderniser" tendency has accepted the need for Mr Smith to appeal to the unions and to traditional Labour sentiments in order to win Wednesday's vote. On this view, there has merely been some tacking, but no reversal, of Mr Brown's approach — although, with a hint of nostalgia for the Kinnock era, some have muttered about a failure to inspire or to look outwards beyond the hard-core Labour vote.

The Smith camp argues that the leader always intended a gradual approach, concentrating on internal changes and constitutional reform in the first year then moving on to other policies. He has believed that Labour must build up towards the next election since the mistake the party made last time was to announce too many commitments too soon. His advisers also dispute the view that this week's emphasis on workers' rights and full employment is just a sop to the unions. They see widespread discontent about precarious employment conditions, a "sweatshop" Britain.

Labour policymaking has to address a number of questions. How can Labour fulfill its commitment to full and fulfilling employment? What is the role of the state in relation to markets? And, in particular, can progressive taxation be made politically acceptable? Some of the answers will be supplied by the social justice commission under Sir Gordon Borrie which is now getting to grips with hard choices over the structure of benefits and is due to report shortly before next year's conference.

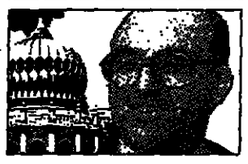
The central issue is whether Mr Smith coasts along, making strong moral statements of his disgust with the government's record and of his values of decency and social justice (broadly the "one more heave" approach), or whether he seeks further radical changes in policy. The Tories could disintegrate and give Labour office on a plate. But Labour cannot count on that. Caution is not enough. Mr Smith has to give a lead.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair seeks to make Labour the party of law and order

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR IN BRIGHTON



TONY Blair yesterday sought to seize the initiative from the Tories on law and order by promising tough measures on racism and a crackdown on juvenile crime.

Underlining the failure of the Conservative party to stop the relentless rise in crime, the shadow home secretary pledged Labour to a sweeping reform of the criminal justice system.

Calling for harsh penalties on the perpetrators of racist, sexist and violent attacks, he insisted they should be "out of society until they learn to behave like human beings". He promised that Labour would implement the Morgan report on crime prevention, ditched by the Tories three years ago, which called for local partnerships set up by local authorities.

Mr Blair, an arch moderniser who is seen as John Smith's heir apparent, used the conference debate to spell out his intention to keep crime high on the political agenda while dispelling Labour's image of being soft on crime.

In a passionate speech Mr Blair said crime had doubled under 14 years of Tory government. There were no market-forces solutions to crime and it could not be resolved through privatisation. "Labour is the party of law and order in Britain today. Tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime."

Delegates were evidently suspicious of the man who played a significant part in pushing Mr Smith's trade union reforms and refused to give him a rousing reception. But Mr Blair got widespread applause for his condemnation of racist attacks. Mr Blair said it was intolerable that Asian and black families had to live in homes daubed with racist slogans and Nazi swastikas. "It is a matter of shame that in many parts of our inner cities Asian women fear even to take their children down the street in daylight," he said.

"We should make racially motivated violence a specific criminal offence carrying the most severe penalties under the law."

Labour would set up police units to protect those at risk from racial attacks and would ensure that the BNP or any other party publishing propaganda which incited racial violence would be prosecuted. He called for better measures to protect and help victims of crime.

Labour would reform criminal justice procedures to make them quicker, more effective and fairer. It would also set up programmes of punishment and rehabilitation within the community "to divert as many as possible from a life of crime".

But this was not enough. "The hooligans who call themselves football supporters and inflict terror and violence on a neighbourhood on a Saturday afternoon: the muggers who beat up pensioners in their own homes; the perverted men who rape and molest women; the racist thugs who think a weekend sport is to beat up a defenceless black or Asian kid — the place for these people is out of society until they learn to behave like human beings within our society."

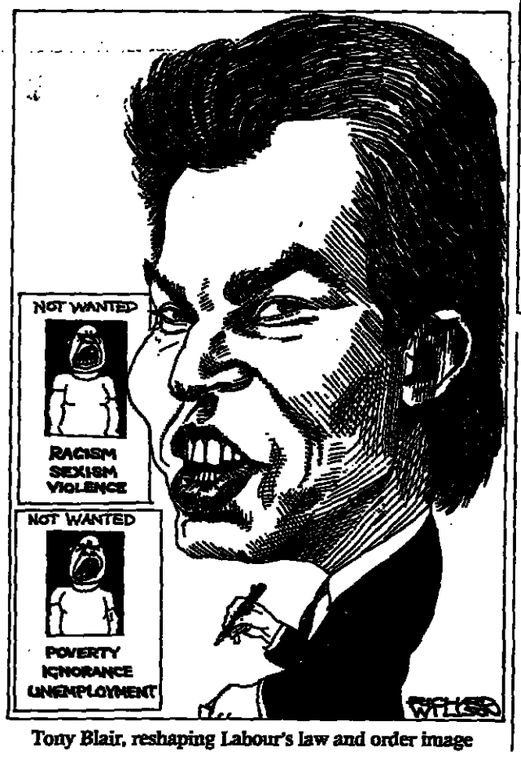
Mr Blair emphasised that fighting crime could not be the sole responsibility of the police and could not be defeated without a united and strong community.

He also got widespread applause for confirming that Labour would abolish the House of Lords in a revolution of democratic accountability. "The idea of hereditary peers, in the House of Lords in varying stages between, life and death, deciding issues of vital importance to the ordinary people of our country, is an insult to modern democracy."

Labour remained committed to a new Freedom of Information Act and would sign up to the European social chapter, alongside Labour's new charter of rights.

The accounts of all political parties should be open to scrutiny and the "source of all significant donations" should be disclosed, Mr Blair said.

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Tony Blair, reshaping Labour's law and order image

CHRIS HARRIS



Hilary Armstrong, John Smith's quietly efficient parliamentary aide, comes into the open at the Brighton conference

Omov pushes backroom woman into spotlight

BY ALICE THOMSON

IF JOHN Prescott has roared magnificently at conference on his leader's behalf, and newspaper pictures of the Smith daughters have done much to enhance the glamour of the party leader, behind the scenes John Smith owes at least as great a debt to his quietly efficient PPS, Hilary Armstrong.

As a result Ms Armstrong, 47, who for the past six years has been MP for Durham North West, could soon be taking advantage of Labour's new quota system which insists that at least four women out of 18 are voted on to the shadow cabinet.

She played a crucial negotiating role in the 11th-hour change of heart by the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, which swung the vote for Mr Smith. At lunchtime on Tuesday, when Mr Smith seemed on the verge of defeat, it was Ms Armstrong who was pointing out another clause to the 600,000-member white-collar union MSF, which sponsors her: the rule changes also included the means to ensure more women Labour MPs.

Yesterday Ms Armstrong, who is also a junior education spokeswoman, was triumphant but exhausted. A shy, retiring woman with rosy features, she is unused to being slapped on the back by delegates, shuns the press and escaped to church early in the morning.

She is sensible, low-heeled and efficient, the perfect Miss Moneypenny for Mr Smith, listing knitting and Swahili as her hobbies. While one wouldn't instinctively address her as sister, Ms Armstrong believes passionately in getting more women into politics.

She attributes her ability for backroom persuasion rather than front-room fizzle to years as a community worker. She also took on the nightmare responsibility of explaining the intricacies of Omov to the constituency delegates.

"I am learning an enormous amount, but in the end I want a position in the shadow cabinet. I love education, it is far too undervalued and it is the only way Labour can fundamentally change this country's culture," she said.

☐ Alex Lyon, the former Labour MP and minster, died yesterday at the age of 61, after a long illness. Mr Lyon, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, died in his sleep at the Westbury Methodist Home in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire (Robert Morgan writes).

His wife, the Labour left-winger, Clare Short, left the Brighton conference earlier this week to be at his bedside. She said yesterday: "Alex had suffered many years of difficult illness. For the last two years he was cared for with enormous tenderness by staff at Westbury Methodist Home."

Mr Lyon was elected for York in 1966 and lost his seat in 1983, the year Ms Short was elected MP for Birmingham, Ladywood.

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Plan for PR referendum attacked

BY JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Smith's plan to hold a referendum on electoral reform for the Commons came under fire last night when delegates claimed that any move towards proportional representation would lead to a surge of racist and facist groups. Delegates said that "flirting with proportional representation" had cost Labour the last general election and would only lead to an SDP Mark 2.

Opening the debate, Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, said that no decision should be made to change the system for electing MPs until it was put to the public in a referendum.

"There is so much disillusionment about politics and so much cynicism after 14 years of one-party rule. Give the people the right to decide on their own form of democracy," Mr Whitty said.

Charlie Simmons from Sheffield Hillsborough put a passionate case for reform, arguing that Labour should capture the mood for change. "It's no good electing Labour MP after Labour MP when we have a voting system which returns Tory government after Tory government on a minority vote."

However, Steve Pickering, of the GMB union, said that a move towards PR was a courtship of extremist groups. "We are potentially flirting with the BNP, with racism and facism and with loony minorities."

Today the conference will vote on Mr Smith's plans to hold a referendum on electoral reform if Labour gets into power.

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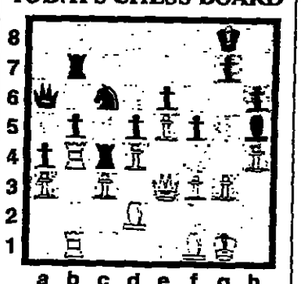
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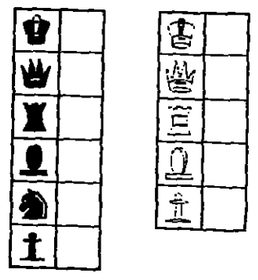
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Kasparov plays a psychological game

BY RAYMOND KEENE AND IAN MURRAY

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

GARRY Kasporov appeared so confident of winning the eleventh game against Nigel Short in *The Times* World Chess Championship yesterday that he turned up late and the clocks had already started before he sat down to make the opening move, playing White.

By then Short, wearing a sports jacket and tightly knotted tie that made him look like a gangling schoolboy, had been sitting at the board fiddling with his hands and wondering what to do with himself for several minutes. Kasparov, wearing a smart business suit, burst on to the stage after the gong starting the game sounded, shook hands, sat down and made the first move all in one brisk movement. It was as though he had just arrived from the airport and was fitting in a quick game of chess before dashing on to a much more important engagement.

This seemed to be all part of a well prepared psychological strategy by the world champion to exude so much confidence that it would intimidate his British challenger, who is already trailing by five points in the 24-game match and who has yet to win a game.

Kasparov's opening moves were nevertheless clearly as well planned as they were unexpected and Short seemed to be unprepared for them as he was soon eating deeply into his time reserves. Kasparov rushed through his first ten moves in two minutes, playing the rarely seen Scotch Opening.

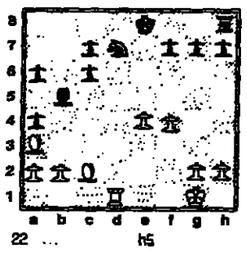
This opening is characterised by White's 3rd move 3 d4, as opposed to 3 Bb5, the Ruy Lopez, which Kasparov had used in games one, three and five of this match.

Short took 35 minutes longer to make his first ten moves. Part of the champion's psychology at this early stage was to leave Short on his own on stage as often as possible, giving the impression that he had something more important to do in the wings while he was waiting for his challenger to respond.

Short quickly found himself being obliged to engage in trench warfare to survive. Kasparov's breakneck game eventually slowed to a crawl, but only after the British player forced an exchange of queens and then set about trying to muster his pawns for an advance down the board. The determination of his defence at last gave Kasparov pause for thought and after 20 moves he had used up more of his time than his challenger.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Scotch Opening

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Gunmen cast shadow on Hume-Adams initiative

By Walter Ellis

■ The SDLP-Sinn Fein talks could lead to the unionists' worst nightmare — being confronted by a Pan-Nationalist Front

THROUGH a quarter of a century of terrorist violence and political mayhem in Northern Ireland, the Provisional IRA and the SDLP have stood as the alternative poles of Irish nationalism — one murderous, the other anxious to persuade voters that compromise can be attractive.

Fortunately for the nationalist cause, unionism is just as riven, and the resulting stasis has been an effective brake on all attempts at unilateral political progress.

Now, with the completion of an unpublished report by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and John Hume, the SDLP leader, an attempt is being made to create a united front. Should it succeed, Northern Ireland will have entered an important new era. The IRA and Sinn Fein do not have a unified command. Yet the militant republicanism they proclaim, though Janus-faced, shares one body of support. If their apparent ceasefire offer, linked to closer involvement by Dublin in Northern Ireland's affairs, is rejected by London, the face of "statesmanship" will be replaced once more by the face of war.

Westminster should not delude itself. The IRA car bomb that ripped through the High Court area of Belfast city centre on Monday morning, directed at one of the symbols of British jurisdiction, was the equivalent of the pistol waved at the United Nations by Yassir Arafat in November 1974. The attack was the IRA's way of saying that although it wanted an end to violence, it was as ready as ever to pursue the alternative. When Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, denounced the "hypocrisy" of the IRA for offering peace with one hand and war with the other, the response was a second car bomb.

Mr Adams will have had no hand in the bombings, but they are integral to his strategy of land for peace. His view was that the situation remained "problematic". What he did not doubt was that he and Mr Hume had come up with a means of "moving the situation forward".

Unionists were relieved when Sir Patrick appeared to offer no possibility of a deal with the IRA. However, they remain unconvinced there are not scenarios unfolding in London, Belfast and Dublin that would embrace the Hume-Adams initiative, and make "revised" constitutional arrangements for Northern Ireland almost certain.

Mr Hume is now lobbying congressmen in the United States. This month, he will be at the European parliament in Strasbourg on a parallel mission. Mr Adams is keeping his diary free, at least until November, in anticipation of a diplomatic breakthrough.

Unionists remain hostile to any suggestion that they yield land — or the sole administration of land — in return for peace. However, what they must confront anew is that this is precisely what the SDLP and Sinn Fein are after.

Seamus Mallon MP, the SDLP deputy leader, wrote this week in the *Irish News* that it was time Britain realised it could not make progress on its own. It would have to share responsibility and decision-making with Dublin and thus attract a positive international response.

If Mr Hume has convinced Mr Adams and Sinn Fein, and their alter egos in the IRA, that the goal of intermediate joint sovereignty for Northern Ireland, leading ultimately to unity, is achievable, and the two then bring Dublin onto their team, only resolute action from Britain could prevent unionists from believing that their worst nightmare, the Pan-Nationalist Front, is about to come true.

Sir Patrick has no intention of negotiating with terrorists. What he would do, however, about a Sinn Fein shorn convincingly of violence and in alliance with the SDLP, remains an open question.

For the SDLP, it is a high-risk strategy. Mr Hume's democratic legitimacy is being scrutinised as never before. While his courage remains beyond question, many would argue that his judgment has been tainted by desperation.

Mr Adams, meanwhile, wins whatever happens. He has been a "man of vision", offering to compromise his faith for the good of all. He has agreed to sit down with his enemies. But the fallback position is already deployed. Should he be spurned, who could expect him not to tell his people that, in the end, there is only one way to freedom?

'Who could expect a spurned Mr Adams not to tell his people there is only one way to freedom?'



Gerry Adams, left, Sir Patrick Mayhew and John Hume. Unionists fear that scenarios are unfolding in London, Belfast and Dublin

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WEEKEND SHOPPING

Stores trim the price of meaty bargains

By Lucy Berrington

MAKE the most of this week's British meat buys. Prices are down but are expected to rise again soon. The best supermarket bargains are beef and pork.

The fish market is thriving, with supplies increasing daily. Native shellfish are particularly impressive, with oysters at about 60p each and good quality mussels at £1 a kg.

Whiting is the star of the white fish counter at about £1 a lb for a whole fish, with fillets starting at £2.40 a lb. This week's best buy is mackerel at about £1 a lb.

British and French apples remain the best fruit buy, offering good variety and value. Cox's Orange Pippins are 30p to 35p a lb and Royal Galas 35p to 55p a lb.

Brussels sprouts, at 20p to 45p a lb, are among the best quality vegetables. Other good buys include parsnips at 25p 45p a lb, leeks at 40p to 65p a lb and sweetcorn, 15p to 30p a cob. This week's advertised best buys include:

☐ **Asda:** Unsmoked bacon, £1.35 a lb; rolled shoulder of pork, 99p a lb; cherry bakewells, 59p for 5.

☐ **Gateway:** Rump steak, £2.98 a lb; pork rashers, 99p a lb; Italia grapes, 39p a lb.

☐ **Harrods:** Turkey pastrami with peppercorns, £5.95 a lb; asparagus, £3.50 a lb.

☐ **Iceland:** Chicken Kiev, £2.99 for 4; mince, £2.99 for 3lb 12oz; cod fillets in breadcrumbs, £1.99 for 4.

☐ **Safeway:** Lamb chops, £2.68 a lb; Banquet ham on the bone, 95p per ¼ lb; Valencia oranges, £1.69 for 12.

☐ **Sainsbury:** Beef rib roast, £2.14 a lb; pork steaks, £1.56 a lb; strawberry gateau, £1.49.

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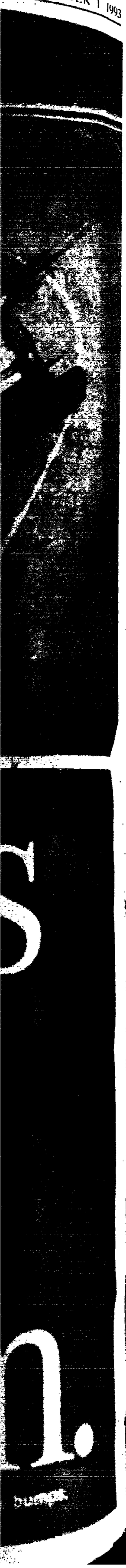
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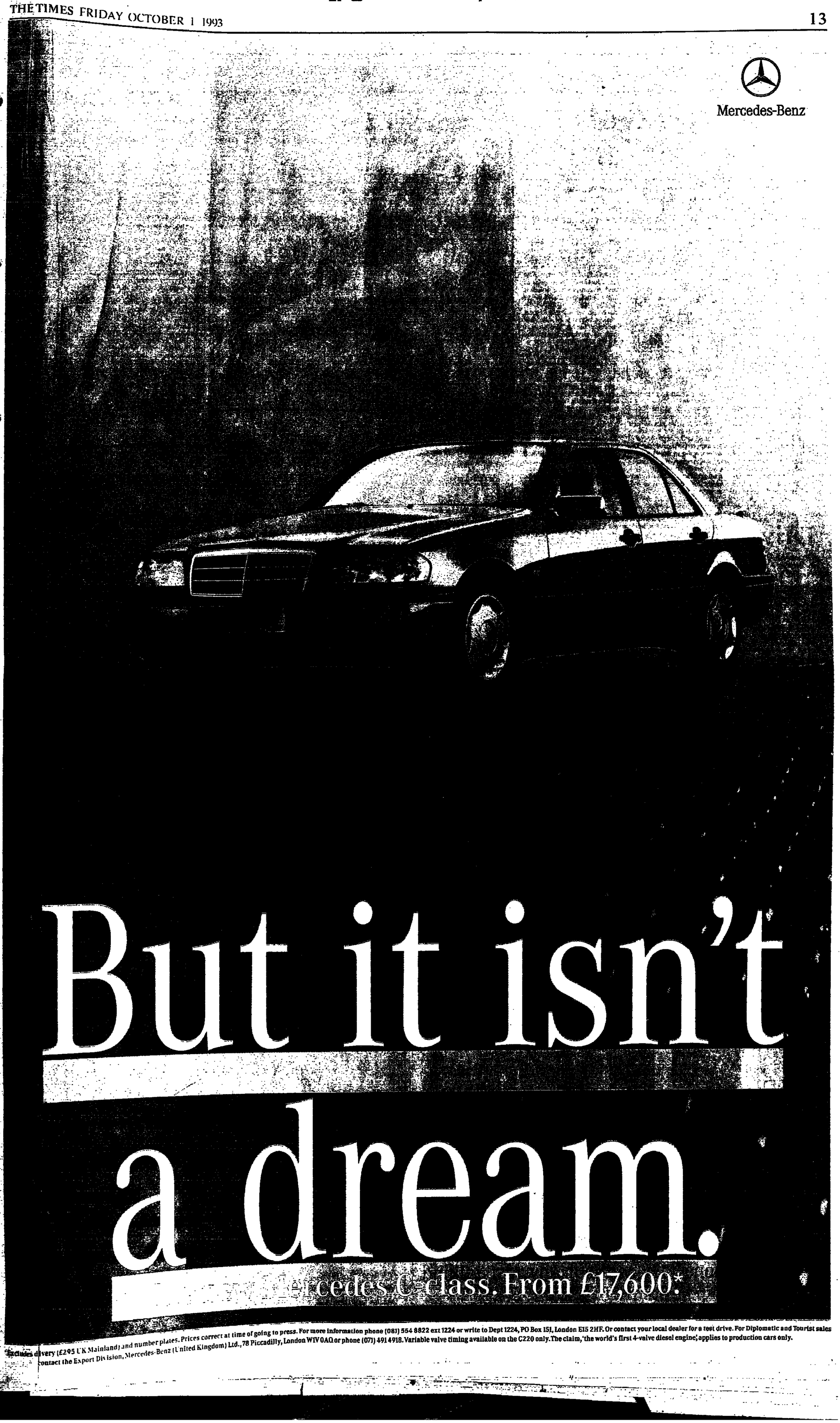
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Yeltsin offers deal to end stand-off at Russian parliament

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

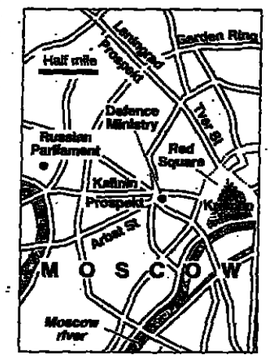
■ Both sides in Moscow are beginning to make conciliatory noises, although in the provinces there are indications that feelings against the president are hardening

PRESIDENT Yeltsin offered his opponents barricaded inside the Russian parliament a deal yesterday to end the stand-off around the building. He proposed lifting the blockade at the White House if the guards inside agreed to surrender their weapons.

However, while nodding towards compromise, the Russian leader also strengthened his stranglehold, moving 11 armoured personnel carriers to join police and interior ministry troops just after dawn yesterday. A Red Cross lorry loaded with food and medical supplies was prevented from passing the cordon.

Sergei Shakrai, the deputy prime minister, said a meeting of the security council had authorised Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, to hold talks on the simultaneous disarming of White House guards and lifting the barricades amid fears that tension around the building could explode into violence.

An aide to Aleksandr Rutskoi, parliament's candidate to replace Mr Yeltsin as leader, said yesterday that he was ready to surrender its stockpile of weapons in exchange for water, electricity and fuel for the building, but it was not clear whether Mr Yeltsin, who is intent on forcing the deputies out of the premises, would agree to such an exchange.



The vicinity of the White House has become a stage on which both sides parade their determination. Mr Rutskoi responded to the deployment of armoured personnel carriers by emerging in the grey light of dawn clad in an army tracksuit and bearing an automatic rifle to show that he was ready for combat at a moment's notice.

The tough images, however, are accompanied for both with behind-the-scenes calculations of how to escape from the mess without losing face.

Mr Yeltsin met Patriarch Aleksei, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, who has encouraged both sides to find a compromise solution and offered to mediate in the conflict. Mr Rutskoi also declared his willingness to meet "representatives of the authorities" for the first time as well as mediation from the church.

Mr Yeltsin's team has indicated that deputies should be given every opportunity to surrender peacefully, with even Gennady Burbulis, a close aide considered by the opposition as the man who has pushed the Russian leader towards hard-line action, sounding a conciliatory note.

With opposition to the president in the regions hardening, 60 of the country's 88 councils demanded yesterday that the blockade of parliament should be ended and threatened to take economic and political steps against Mr Yeltsin if he did not do so by midnight last night. They also called for a final say in the timing of elections and for voting rights over a new constitution.



Aleksandr Rutskoi, the rebel vice-president who claims Mr Yeltsin's job, waits with his gun inside the White House, the besieged parliament building

Drivers fume at impasse

FROM LARRY RYCKMAN IN MOSCOW

There is a new story making the rounds in Moscow: The White House will not be stormed by troops, but by drivers fed up with the traffic jams caused by police barricades.

Driving is never much fun in the Russian capital, where legal left turns are as rare as courteous drivers, where people stop to change tires in the lanes of their choice and where a car-eating pothole yawns around every corner. But lately, incredibly, traffic has got even worse.

President Yeltsin might complain about the nation's political impasse, but he will not get much sympathy from the horn-blasting masses caught in a sea of wheezing Ladas, Volgas and trucks.

"Everything — the streets and the river embankment — is closed and we have to look for roundabout ways," grumbled Vyacheslav Savushkin, whose ambulance was stuck in the middle of Moscow. "Even emergency aid cars cannot pass."

Thousands of police have surrounded the Russian parliament building where deputies have been holed up for more than a week. Police have blocked main roads with steel barricades, coils of razor wire and water trucks parked bumper-to-bumper. The result was predictable: *probki*, or traffic jams.

"There are so many jams now. It's impossible to drive!" Mr Savushkin fumed as he tried to manoeuvre his white ambulance onto the aptly-named Barricades Street.

Traffic is bad not only in the area around the White House. Other roads have been affected. Cars were queueing for two miles near the Kremlin, about three miles from the White House. *(AP)*

Georgian forces routed by rebels

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN TBILISI

ABKHAZIAN separatist rebel forces yesterday won a complete victory over their Georgian enemies. They captured the towns of Ochamchira and Gali and largely destroyed the Georgian army. The only territory in Abkhazia now still in Georgian hands is a small area around Gali.

Large numbers of Georgian troops have been cut off. Some are reportedly trying to make their way out of the autonomous region through the mountains, while others were discarding their weapons and joining the thousands of civilian refugees being evacuated by Russian warships. The rest of the Georgian army has been driven southwards, losing much of its remaining heavy equipment on the way.

Some Georgians fear that the Abkhazian forces may now follow up their conquest by seizing parts of Georgia proper as "bargaining chips". If they try, it seems unlikely that what is left of the Georgian army will be able to stop them.

Georgia could now face civil war between forces loyal to Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, and supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president. Last week Mr Gamsakhurdia returned to his stronghold in Mingrelia in western Georgia, from where he vowed to topple the "Shevardnadze junta".

Mr Shevardnadze this week suggested the possibility of presidential elections but so far Mr Gamsakhurdia's response has been ambiguous. He regards himself as the legally elected president, removed by an illegal coup. His support seems largely limited to western Georgia and he may well fear that he would lose an electoral contest against Mr Shevardnadze.

In Tbilisi, feeling seems to be strongly against any return to power of Mr Gamsakhurdia. Ethnic minorities such as Armenians greatly fear Mr Gamsakhurdia's nationalism.

Several Georgians also said his return must be prevented. "He was a good leader in the freedom struggle, but now we need a leader like Shevardnadze, a good politician who is respected by the world," one student said.

Mikhail fights to protect mother

BY ANN MCELVOY

MIKHAIL Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, has taken a break from his favourite pastime of lambasting Boris Yeltsin to go on a bizarre mission to the provinces, seeking custody of his elderly mother who has appointed a fading pop star her official guardian.

Mr Gorbachev arrived on Wednesday in the sleepy southern town of Stavropol once his fiefdom as regional party boss. He is intent on saving his mother Maria from the clutches of Andrei Razin, 30, who says he has rescued her from neglect.

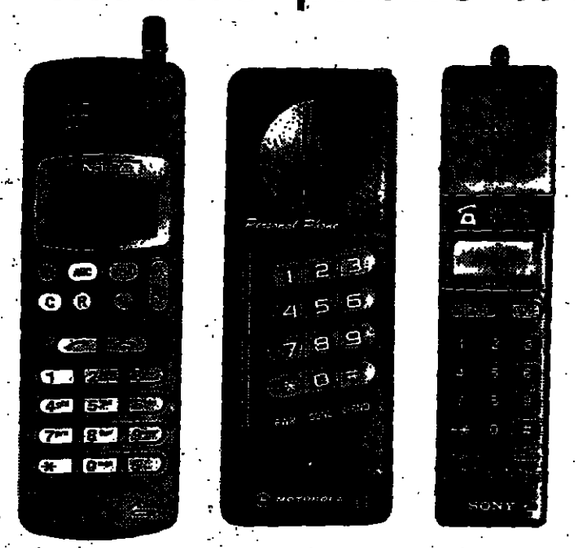
Mr Razin, singer-manager with the group Laskovye Mai (Tender May), who enjoyed brief popularity with Russia's under-16s last year before falling rapidly into oblivion, has also claimed that he is the illegitimate son of Mr Gorbachev. He has assumed ownership of the house Mr Gorbachev had built for his mother and father while he was Kremlin leader and appointed a cook and gardener to look after her.



Gorbachev cut sorry figure at the airport

Speaking at the airport, Mr Gorbachev cut a sorry and extremely cross figure. "I want to be here far away from here. Suddenly this Razin case on the scene and said he was my son. It has all happened so suddenly."

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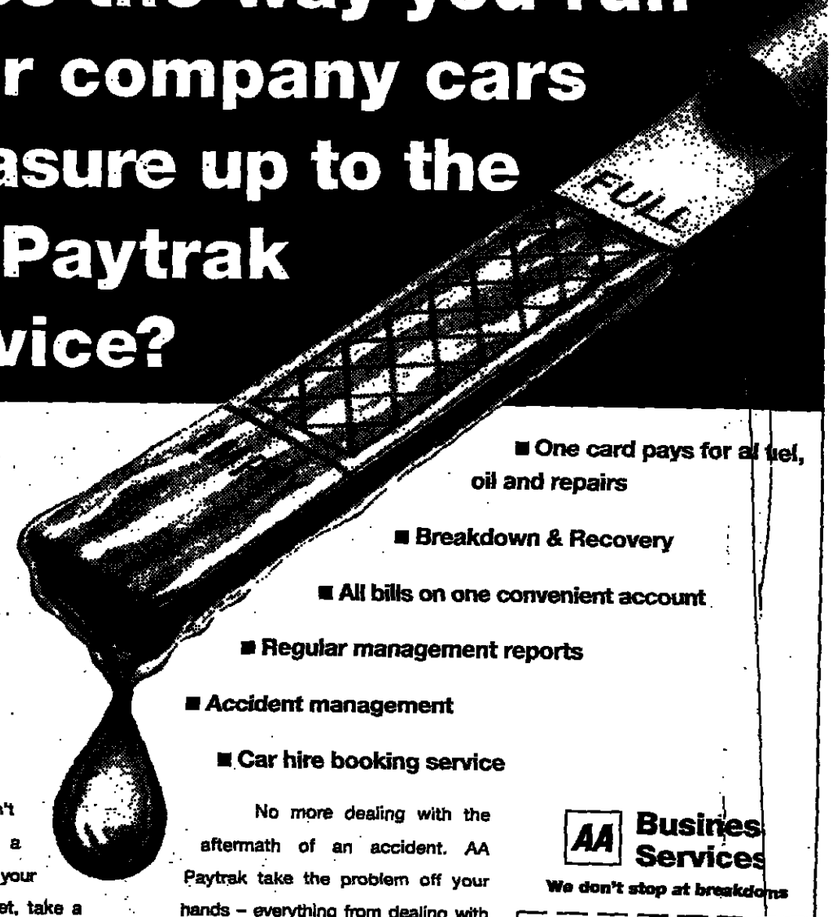
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'The rising sun brought total darkness to our village, turning our houses into tombs'

Thousands die in their beds as the earth opens

BY ROBIE DUTTA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BUILDING after building crashed down on sleeping villagers in Latur as five tremors rippled through a remote sugar-growing part of Maharashtra state early yesterday morning.

"It started with a rumbling sound, followed by what sounded like an explosion," said Nandu Sutar, a resident of Latur, 20 miles north of the epicentre. Few had a chance to flee their mud houses as debris fell.

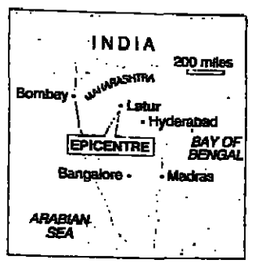
Thousands of relatives scratched through the mud and masonry, removing the debris with their bare hands in the hunt for family members, survivors said. More than 3,000 bodies were pulled out from beneath crumbled houses in the worst hit town of Umarga, 18 miles south of the epicentre.

As dawn broke, survivors in Khilari, 280 miles east of Bombay, saw that 80 per cent of the village had been flattened and their mud and stone houses had been turned to rubble. Cattle-drawn carts carrying the dead picked their way through the rubble.

"The rising sun brought total darkness to our village turning our houses into tombs," one villager from Khilari told *The Times of India*. Another said: "The earth literally opened up as we slept and swallowed houses. Thirty five members of my family died in front of my eyes. Houses just collapsed. I was a helpless witness to this."

About 30 villages on the fertile Deccan plateau were badly hit by the earthquake which was felt throughout India, waking people from Bombay to Bangalore and Madras to Delhi, cities up to 400 miles from the epicentre.

This is not the first time that western Maharashtra has been hit by tremors. Last October, there was constant activity for 15 days during which many villagers fled.





Narasimha Rao: will visit area today

"The reason for the large number of casualties is that most of the houses were weakened then," said C.N. Reghurnatha, chief reporter for the *Indian Express* in Poona. "The government assured them that the are was safe but no precautionary measures were taken."

In Gulbarga, about 135 miles south of the epicentre, people had been up before dawn celebrating the festival of Ganesh and immersing statues of the elephant-faced god in water. The town's police chief, Jeevan Vaonkari, said they panicked after the quake struck. "Everyone ran out of their homes. They are afraid that another big quake will come," he said in a telephone interview. The wall of one old temple collapsed, injuring two people.

Telephone, electricity and water connections were cut off as the quake ripped through the area. Columns of soldiers moved toward the disaster area with 1,200 tents, two bulldozers, three recovery vehicles and one crane, according to Major V.N. Tambekar, an army spokesman.

About 1,150 troops reached the area within 12 hours of the quake and pulled out 600 bodies from Kilhari alone, although distraught villagers were reported to be hampering relief efforts. Major Tambekar said four medical teams have reached remote areas and engineering units were equipped to set up drinking water points. Government officials have started community kitchens.

Last night P.V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, said that he would visit the worst-affected area today. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also sent £44,000 in emergency funds to help.

Several aftershocks were recorded in the morning, but were of low intensity and thought not to have caused more damage, a seismological office spokesman in New Delhi said. The earthquake on May 31, 1935, in the Indian subcontinent killed 30,000 people and registered 7.5 on the Richter scale.

The Deccan Plateau is a table-top land rich in volcanic soil and solidified lava spread over thousands of square miles.

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The wreckage of a home in the devastated Maharashtra state hours after the earthquake struck at dawn yesterday. Thousands of people scratched through mud and masonry in a desperate search for family members

Fault collapse triggered disaster

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

UNLIKE the majority of earthquakes, the Maharashtra quake struck in an area far from the edge of the tectonic plates that carry the continents around the world. This makes prediction, always an uncertain art, even more difficult.

The epicentre, 20 miles south of Latur, lies in the middle of the Indian plate. Forces built up within the plate found an area of weakness caused by a fault running along the same direction as the prevailing pressure. The fault gave way and the ground shifted.

The widespread death and destruction was a result not only of the size of the earthquake, but also the time at which it struck — 4am locally, when people were in bed — and the fact that the epicentre lay close to the surface. The British Geological Survey measured the quake at 6.4 on the Richter scale, less than a 6.5 magnitude quake 150 miles further west in 1967 which killed far fewer people.

Dr Chris Browitt, head of the Global Seismology Research Group at the BGS in Edinburgh, said this region of India has experienced nine earthquakes this century. Geologists' ability to predict earthquakes is so far "pretty poor", he said. Only one really successful prediction is on record, at the Chinese town of Haicheng in 1975, where early evacuation before an earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck may have saved a million lives. Chinese seismologists used many observations of foreshocks to make this successful prediction, but failed a year later when a magnitude 7.8 quake hit Tangshan and killed 240,000 people.

Because earthquakes within the plates are much less common than those at the edges, forecasters have less information to go on. "Earthquakes in this part of India are infrequent, so it's hard to get a signature that could be used to warn of the next one," Dr Browitt said.

Man-made changes can increase the risk of quakes. Water from reservoirs can lubricate faults in the ground, making slippage easier. S. N. Chatterjee, the Indian seismology director, yesterday dismissed speculation that the Maharashtra quake could have been related to the Koyna Dam, 120 miles southeast of Bombay. "There may be a fault line in the Khilari-Latur region. That needs to be investigated by the Geological Survey of India," Dr Chatterjee said.

Dr Browitt believed the toll of future quakes could be cut by improving local building methods. "Simple things can be done" he says. "One is to strengthen rubble walls by laying wooden beams in them every metre or so and pinning them together at the corners. Roofs shouldn't be made of heavy slabs that can kill people when they fall." As part of the United Nations Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, a meeting is to be held at the Royal Society next month to dicuss how to protect vulnerable communities.

Toll tells of policy failure in Delhi

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

THE heavy toll in yesterday's earthquake in the western Indian state of Maharashtra reflects the lack of a proper earthquake policy in India. In contrast to countries such as Japan and China, the Indian government has not enforced architectural and construction standards for houses in earthquake-prone regions.

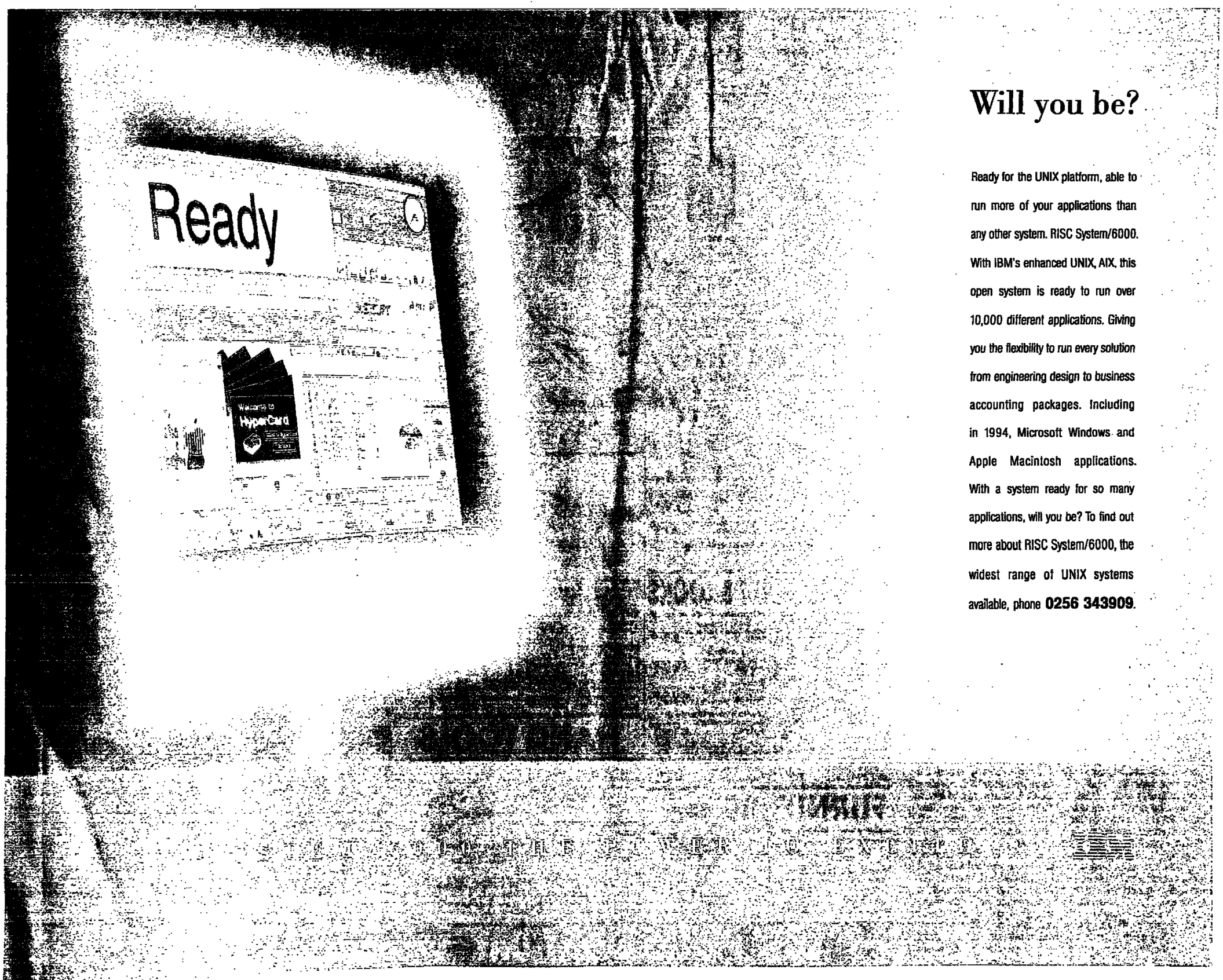
In some of the early disasters, such as the Uttarkashi earthquake in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh in August 1991 in which 1,600 died, relief measures were inadequate. The authorities failed to respond speedily to provide shelter and water supplies. Today most the victims of the Latur quake are located in similarly inaccessible rural areas.

Almost 80 per cent of the brick houses of Khilari, with a population of 10,000, are reported to have collapsed. Many people were buried in the rubble: most were in bed when the tremors occurred about 4am.

Since the Latur region has not been regarded as prone to earthquakes, no precautions against earthquakes were taken in the building of houses, bridges and roads.

What is surprising is that in the seismically active Himalayan region of northern India no attempts are made to build shock-resistant houses. Over the years the inhabitants have switched from building in traditional materials such as timber to cement and stone.

The government has refused dogmatically to abandon a proposal to build a 700ft dam in the Tehri Garhwal region of the Himalayan foothills, despite repeated strong warnings by environmentalists that a dam in the seismically sensitive zone could create an ecological disaster in the hilly region including Dehra Doon and Rishikesh.



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Arrest of spy suspect hits Kohl's hopes for election

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A SECRETARY in the office of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has been arrested for allegedly spying for the former communist East German state, the federal prosecutor's office said yesterday.

It is the first time a suspected spy has been discovered at the heart of the German political establishment since the collapse of East Germany in 1989 unveiled a vast network of agents who had been planted in the West during the Cold War.

The West German married woman, aged 40, worked in the chancellery in Bonn through most of the 1980s and before that was employed in the defence ministry. Initial reports that she was a secretary in the registry of the chancellery have been dismissed by some government sources who said she was a senior data programmer.

She apparently helped to grade different secret documents. If the woman worked in the registry in 1989-90 she would have seen most of Herr Kohl's manoeuvring with the Western allies and with Moscow over unification.

The question is, to whom would she have reported her information? The East German Stasi in effect declared its agents redundant after 1989. The suspected agent could have been taken over by the Russian security services, as happened to a number of agents after the collapse of the East German state. She would have seen the joint intelligence briefing — which includes information gleaned from other Western agencies — that is presented to the chancellor every day.

Intelligence specialists yesterday tended to dismiss these security implications and one expert described as "meaningless" the claim that the woman was "the most important [agent] to be captured since the fall of the Berlin Wall".

The woman did not have the kind of access enjoyed by Günther Guillaume, the spy who was aide to the late Willy Brandt when he was chancellor. He could not only read every top secret document submitted to Germany during a critical period of East-West relations, he was also aware of Brandt's many love affairs.

Herr Kohl's spy — if she is confirmed as such by federal investigators — will add to the sense that he is being buffeted by, rather than leading, events. His Christian Democratic Union party plunged by 10 per cent in the recent Hamburg state election and opinion polls suggest that his popularity is declining.

Herr Kohl's only consolation is that the scandal also hurts the opposition Social Democrats, for whom the woman's husband worked.

SECRET archives are to be opened that should resolve whether Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, died in Berlin in 1945, or escaped to a new life in Paraguay (Our Foreign Staff writes).

According to Nazi hunters, President Wasmosy of Paraguay has agreed to grant access to files that will disclose the extent to which the regime of Alfredo Stroessner, the former dictator, assisted Nazis such as Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz doctor.

Winter of disaster faces two million in Bosnia



Mika, a Romany boy, sits in his cot at a children's home in Belgrade which cares for about 300 abandoned or orphaned children up to the age of three. He has not spoken since his mother abandoned him

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

REJECTION of the peace deal by the Bosnian Muslims and the approach of winter spell disaster for more than two million people dependent on United Nations food hand-outs, a UN official said yesterday.

Ray Wilkinson, for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said the decision by the Muslim parliament "leaves us looking into the jaws of disaster. We have warned before that, unless there is a speedy peace, the whole aid operation could be compromised."

Mr Wilkinson said the UNHCR would have great difficulty in delivering food, medicine and other aid to 2.7 million people in Bosnia this winter if fighting continued.

Naveed Hussain, UNHCR field officer for Bosnia, said the agency had received only half the estimated $350 million (£232 million) needed to feed, clothe and keep Bosnians warm until March.

Isolated pockets would be the worst affected. In eastern Bosnia, about 25,000 people were still trapped in Srebrenica, originally a town of 6,000. Most were living in houses without windows or roofs. Mr Wilkinson said: "Convoys to these areas are at the mercy of besieging Serbs' good will."

As Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the peace negotiators, met in Geneva to discuss the next moves, fighting broke out in several parts of Bosnia. Bosnian Serbs broke the ceasefire signed with the Muslims two weeks ago and fired shells on Sarajevo and on Maglaj in northern Bosnia. General Rasim Delic, commander of the Bosnian army, called for an immediate ceasefire with the Croats in central Bosnia and in Mostar to the south.

As fears grew of renewed slaughter, Mr Wilkinson disclosed that hundreds of Muslim women and children who had been rounded up by Croat forces in central Bosnia, believed they were being held hostage "for some future ethnic cleansing exchange".

More than 800 Muslims have been taken to the village of Rotilj near the Croat town of Kiseljak, west of Sarajevo, ostensibly for their own protection, Mr Wilkinson said.

About 500 heavily armed Bosnian troops raced to Cazin in the rebellious Bihac Muslim enclave yesterday after it was taken over, without violence, by civilians hostile to President Izetbegovic.

In Geneva, Mr Stoltenberg said he did not know whether there was any hope for progress, after the Bosnian parliament called for the return of territory seized by the Serbs.

Manfred Wörner, Nato secretary-general, urged Serbs, Croats and Muslims "to return as soon as possible to the negotiating table to achieve a settlement".

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'F-word' buzzes back into the European debate

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

With the final ratification of the Maastricht treaty perhaps only a fortnight away, the "F-word" is back. John Major and Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, are scrapping about European federalism once again.

M Delors this week broke a long period of discreet silence to attack the intellectual poison which he thinks the prime minister and other leading "Anglo-Saxons" are spreading in an attempt to steer the EC away from federalism. An article in last week's *Economist* by Mr Major was, M Delors said, a betrayal of the ideals of the Community's founding fathers. Mr Major, he said in rare flash of public malice, was "yesterday's man".



Delors: broke lengthy period of silence

Mr Major has not mentioned M Delors by name but has committed two cardinal sins in M Delors' eyes. Mr Major's vision of Europe without a federal union is gaining ground, M Delors admits. Worse still, Mr Major is on the offensive. If the EC holds a special summit at the end of October, Mr Major wrote, stale old prescriptions for a United States of Europe would be as relevant to the continent's future as a rain dance.

This sudden reawakening of an arcane argument promises some lively "F-word" squabbles this autumn. Mr Major's hope that EC leaders might forget the federalist agenda is forlorn. The summit is due to name the site and head of the European Monetary Institute (EMI), the embryonic central bank due to run the proposed single European currency. The fact that the exchange-rate mechanism is moribund and monetary union behind schedule will not count. The treaty specifies that "phase two" of the single currency plan starts next January and questions of national pride and jobs are at stake.

Federalism is also back on the agenda because of a development close to Mr Major's heart: enlarging the EC to include Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway. No new state can be admitted to the EC without some amendments to the treaty that lays down the changes in the size of the European Commission, parliament and the weighting for majority votes. This prickly topic is up for discussion at the October summit and a flood of ideas on "double majorities" and "constituent assemblies" is in circulation here.

Advocates of a federal Europe, backed by the Italian government, want to use these revisions for a further push towards unification, preferably before the new entrants arrive and before the review of Maastricht scheduled for 1996. The EC's smaller states, which fear that they will lose out to their larger neighbours in the changes, want the question kept off the agenda as long as possible. France and Germany, with some wary support from Britain, want to adjust the EC's machinery in favour of its bigger states.

British officials have been particularly worried over the future of the system by which the EC's rotating presidency is held by every country in turn. Under current rules, the presidency would be held for seven consecutive six-month terms by members as small as Luxembourg and no larger than Portugal between 1996 and 2000.

Both Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, have recently raised the related problem of expanding the Commission to add a new commissioner for each new state. There isn't enough work to go round the present 17 members. Mr Major raised the issue in his magazine article but did not answer it; Mr Clarke said that the EC should "beware tilting the balance in favour of the many smallish countries". Some ministers are believed to want a Commission that is as large — and therefore as inefficient — as possible.

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Agents tampered with Waco papers to conceal blunder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ **Investigations into the disastrous raid on the Koresh cult compound in Texas have revealed an attempted cover-up, and may signal the end of the bureau responsible**

AFTER the first raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, ended in disaster last February, the government agents in charge tampered with the official version of events to avoid blame and then tried to conceal those changes from investigators, according to a report by an independent panel released yesterday.

According to the intensely critical review, the two supervisors at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms who co-ordinated the botched raid on February 28 — in which four agents died — altered the written plan of action later while other officials issued misleading and contradictory statements.

The initial shootout, in which another 15 agents were wounded as they tried to search the compound for illegal weapons, led to the tense 51-day standoff which culminated in a second raid, when the compound burst into flames and nearly 80 cult members died.

Bureau officials claimed that the first assault team had been ambushed by cultists and did not know the element of surprise had been lost. In fact, the bureau was told that David Koresh, the cult leader, knew a raid was imminent, the report says.



Koresh: knew that a raid was imminent

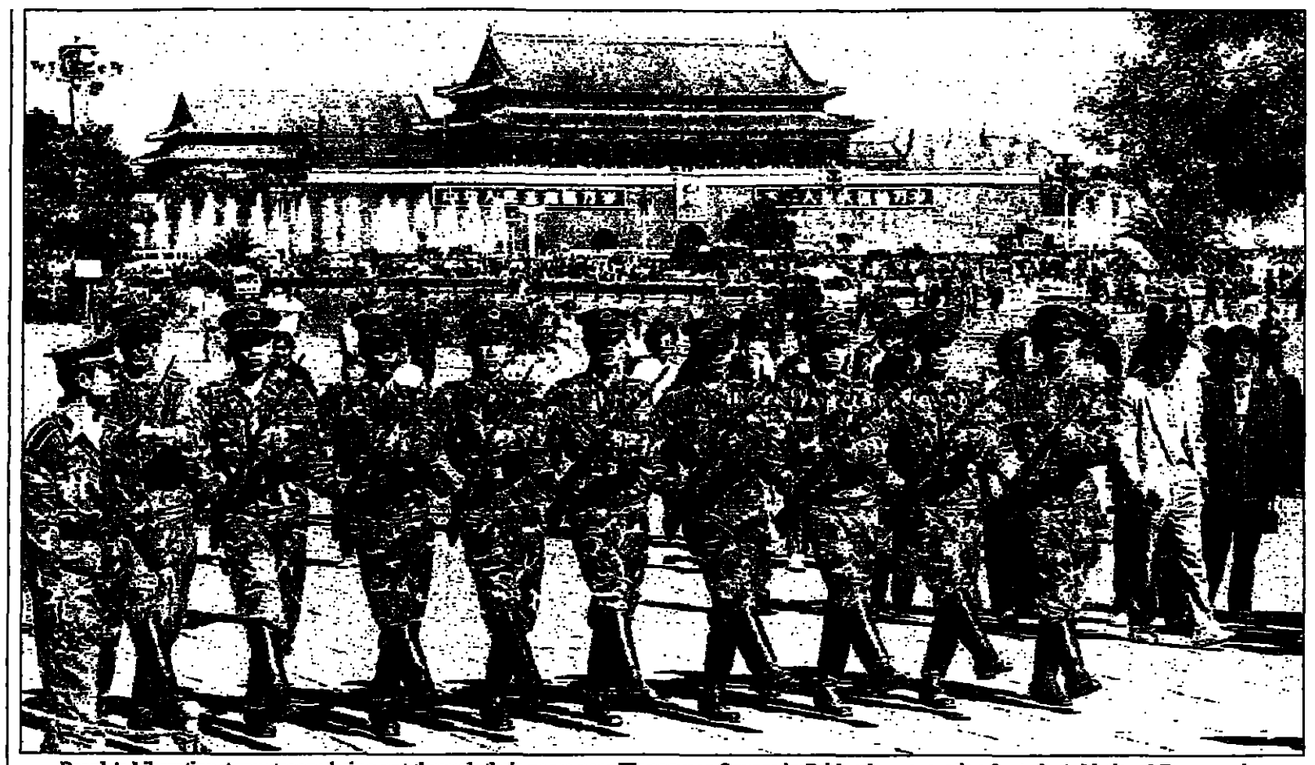
An undercover agent was present in the compound when Koresh told his followers that the bureau was about to attack and that "the time had come". The agent then relayed that information to his commanders, the report says.

The damning investigation into the Waco tragedy has prompted the resignation of Stephen Higgins, the bureau's director, and may signal the end of the bureau itself. Two other senior officials have said they will leave office, and Phillip Chojnacki and Charles Sarabyn, the two on-site commanders, may face disciplinary action.

As hearings into one of the most disastrous episodes in American law enforcement history started yesterday, the panel's report painted a picture of incompetence, inexperience and deception on the part of the officials involved.

After the raid, for example, the supervisors inserted *statements into the original plan* claiming that Koresh could not be arrested because he refused to leave the compound. However, investigators said that Koresh had been seen outside on several occasions before the assault.

Once the agency of the legendary crime fighter, Eliot Ness, the bureau has long been accused of being old fashioned and expensive. Last month Vice President Al Gore's task force on government reorganisation recommended that it should be absorbed by other agencies.



People's Liberation Army troops being put through their paces near Tiananmen Square in Peking in preparation for today's National Day parades

'Ice age' looms over Hurd talks on Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Qian Qichen, his Chinese counterpart, meet today to try, in an atmosphere of deepening Sino-British hostility, to find a few shreds of reassurance for Hong Kong.

It is only too obvious here that what an official calls "the ice age" is about to descend. The only real alternative is for the ministers to find what is described as "a soft landing". Martin Lee, Hong Kong's leading liberal legislator, has accused Britain of being "on the brink of total capitulation" to Peking on the democratisation of the colony. In a letter to Mr Hurd on the eve of his meeting with Mr Qian, Mr Lee said that Hong Kong was heading for a "constitutional and political crisis".

A sign of the freeze was the moment on Wednesday when Chris Patten, the governor, and Zhou Nan, Peking's top man in Hong Kong, were about to exchange a grim toast at China's national day reception. An official photographer from the mainland did not raise his camera. "I have been told not to take this picture," he said.

The atmosphere will be strained for today's meeting, scheduled for about two hours at the United Nations in New York. Mr Hurd will tell Mr Qian that Britain has now made all the concessions it can. He may suggest that the Peking negotiations, which have lasted 100 hours since April, should end at the start of next month.

Two days ago Mr Qian said that if Britain does not abandon the Patten plan for the 1995 elections to the Legislative Council, China would hold new elections in 1997.

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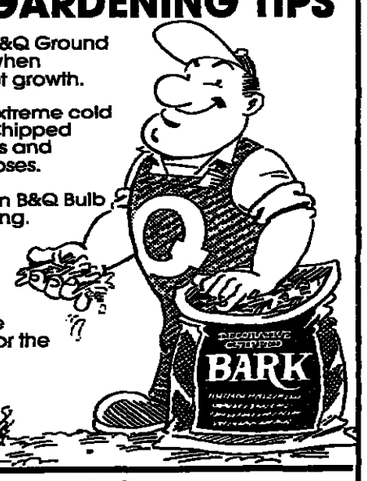
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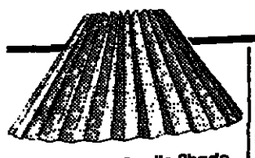
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Palestinian informers terrified of self-rule

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN DAHANIYA, GAZA

WHEN thousands of jubilant Palestinians took to the streets of the Gaza Strip to celebrate the end of Israeli rule, the residents of this squalid village behaved as though their death sentence had just been *signed*.

Instead of rejoicing at the historic agreement which envisages the transfer of Gaza from Israeli occupation to Palestinian self-rule, the 100 families living in breeze-block homes in this impoverished *community believe they will* be the first victims of peace.

Located in the southeastern corner of the strip, within sight of the Israeli and Egyptian borders, Dahaniya is known by Palestinians as "the collaborator village", where informers used by Israeli security live in isolation.

"Part of me was happy when the PLO and Israel signed the agreement. It is good to see peace finally come to this land, even if there is nothing in it for us," Abu Youssef, a collaborator who fled Gaza city five years ago after he was exposed, said. The Israelis have given him a home, a gun and 24-hour protection, but have so far failed to offer any guarantees about his future once they withdraw from Gaza before next April.

Any hope from the residents of Dahariya that they might be reintegrated into Palestinian society evaporated soon after the PLO-Israel signing, when one collaborator, Bashir Zorub, decided to rejoin his family in the notoriously violent refugee camp at Rafah. As he joined in a street party celebrating the accord, masked men shot him five times in the head.

"If the Israelis hand us over to the Palestinians it will be the end," said Abu Youssef, who has asked the Israeli authorities repeatedly to be allowed to live in Israel. "I will not go back to Gaza whatever happens. If the Israelis do not save us, I will line up my wife and children, kill them and then shoot myself rather than be captured."

Unease over mandate as US troops sail for Haiti

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE first contingent of American United Nations troops set sail for Haiti yesterday under *the strictest mandate to avoid* a Somalia-style involvement in local law and order.

The USS *Harlan County* left Norfolk, Virginia, with 250 military specialists and tons of construction equipment on board, and is due in Port-au-*Prince, the Haitian capital, on* Sunday week. The troops are part of a 1,200-strong UN military mission to Haiti.

"These people are not to engage in any conflict situations," Lawrence Pezzullo, the White House special adviser on Haiti, said noting that the force has a six-month mandate. "They are not there as peacekeepers or peacemakers. They are not going to engage in any acts involving the breakdown of public order," he added.

The $50 million (£33 million) UN Mission to Haiti (UNMIH) was approved by the UN Security Council only last week. American officials, who are wary of the Somalia experience, are anxious that the new force should not be drawn into another complicated conflict. Yesterday was also the second anniversary of the military coup that ousted Jean Bertrand Aristide, the President of Haiti.

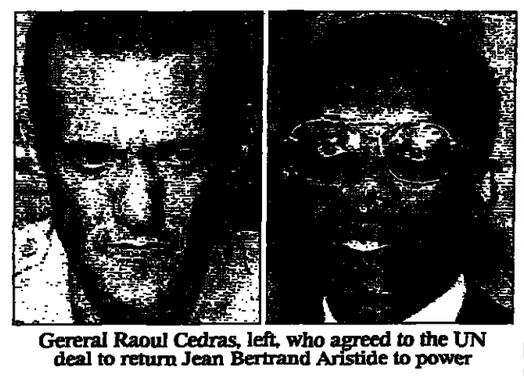
A team of UN observers has reported a wave of political killings by the army and police in recent weeks directed at supporters of Father Aristide. The UN says the army is *recruiting and arming scores* of "attachés" — civilian guns-for-hire — who operate as unofficial army death squads. UN officials hope that the mere presence of their troops will act as a "dissuasive force" against further human rights abuses.

General Raoul Cedras, the Haitian military leader who signed a UN-brokered peace agreement last July in which he agreed to retire and allow Father Aristide to return, demanded on Wednesday that *the mission of the UNMIH* be clarified and suggested that it was a "military intervention force in disguise".

The military force of 600 US troops is expected to be deployed fully by the middle of the month. Its members in*clude military trainers*, construction engineers, medical personnel, and military police. It will build roads and hospitals as well as giving classes in human rights and literacy.

The military unit is to be complemented by a corps of *567 police trainers from seven* nations. The first group of 50 Canadian police trainers will arrive next week, with the rest following soon.

The force will be unarmed and it is not clear what powers the officers will have. The UN *officers will be in the odd* position of offering advice to Haitian officers who are accused by the UN itself of being behind recent killings.



Gereral Raoul Cedras, left, who agreed to the UN deal to return Jean Bertrand Aristide to power

Japan eats humble rice-pie

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN is about to import about a million tons of rice from America, Australia and Thailand as an emergency measure to compensate for the worst rice harvest since the war and prospects of a shortage of the staple food.

Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, made the announcement yesterday after the rice harvest index disclosed this year's crop to be a fifth lower than the average.

Paradoxically, the government is still vociferously sticking to its official policy forbidding the import of rice, despite American and European Community claims that that is a blatant contravention of Gatt rules. "Other countries should not take this one-off emergency import to mean that the Japanese rice markets are now open," a spokesman said. "This kind of poor crop occurs only once in a century. We will import 200,000 tons by the end of this year and more next spring. But this is most definitely only a temporary measure," Eijiro Hata, minister of agriculture, said.

A bowl of rice is a part of everyday life in Japan, but the Japanese must pay six times the world market price for their favourite food.

Japan's 12 million rice farmers, most of whom are wealthy, work their farms at the weekends and hold down factory jobs. They have been protected by price guarantees for decades. Their votes are worth almost three times urban votes as constituency boundaries have not been redrawn since the war. A Japanese farm is one fiftieth of the size of the average British farm and four fifths of them are one-family businesses.

Pentagon cooks up culturally correct field rations

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon has cooked up a new weapon for the post-Cold war world, the first culturally correct field rations.

The vegetarian, pre-packaged meals have been prepared for civilians trapped by wars, famines or other crises around the world. The first 2.15 million of them are being sent to an American base in Germany in readiness for possible use in Bosnia.

They are called HDRs, for humanitarian daily rations, and are the culinary descendants of the K-rations, C-rations and the Gulf war's ubiquitous MREs, or meals ready to eat, that soldiers have always groused about.

The new rations are culturally acceptable to Muslims because they contain no pork or animal fat. Bosnian Muslims receiving emergency airdrops of MREs threw away the ham course. The HDRs are also lighter in calories than MREs which Somali famine victims found so rich and heavy that they went into shock.

Les Aspin, the defence secretary, said: "They're pretty good and they'll sustain a moderately malnourished person."

The HDRs contain spicy vegetables, grains and fruit, with a healthy dose of fibre. There is a choice of three main courses: tangy beans with tomato sauce, lentil stew with vegetables and beans, and vegetable pilaf. There are also crackers, slightly sweet white bread, apple or grape jam, a crunchy granola cereal with raisins, a snack made from fruit and a spoon. The rations provide from 1,900 to 2,200 calories a day at a cost per meal of almost $4 (£2.64). By contrast, the three MREs a day intended for young troops supply 3,600 calories at a cost of $13.80 (£9.15). The HDRs are cheaper because they have less food, no meat, no fancy dessert and are lacking an extra ingredient considered essential for American soldiers — chewing gum. The HDRs reflect the Pentagon's growing involvement in humanitarian relief work.

In the course of the last three years, some 53 million MREs left over from the Gulf war have been delivered or air-dropped to Bosnian enclaves, Kurdish refugees, volcano victims in the Philippines, former rebels in Angola, Haitian refugees and families left homeless by floods in Mexico.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Little hope for jailed Britons

Baghdad: Two British diplomats left Baghdad yesterday saying they saw little prospect of an early release for three Britons jailed in Iraq for illegal entry. Later in the day, Iraq organised an unprecedented news conference by two of the Britons, but it was not immediately clear whether it pointed to any change in their status.

Paul Ride, Simon Dunn and Michael Wainwright are in Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad, where they are serving jail terms for entering Iraq illegally.

Iraq inspection

Baghdad: United Nations weapons experts mounted their biggest inspection of Iraq's ballistic, chemical and biological weapons sites since the Gulf war, a mission that could pave the way for the sanctions against Baghdad to be lifted. *(AFP)*

Paper reopens

New York: Rupert Murdoch has agreed to re-start operations at *The New York Post* and will go ahead with his planned purchase of the paper after eight craft unions agreed to cross strikers' picket lines. *(Reuter)*

Queen dropped

Sydney: With the aid of the country's minor parties, Australia's Labor government has completed legislation eliminating the Queen from the oath of allegiance sworn by new citizens. *(AFP)*

Stamp record

New York: An American 5c stamp posted in May 1851 fetched $727,500 (more than £500.00) at Christie's auction as a Japanese businessman sold his collection for a record £9.5 million. *(AP)*

Call girl

Tokyo: Police arrested a middle-aged Japanese woman accused of making up to 100 silent phone calls a day to the same woman for 12 years and charged her with assault. She denied the charge. *(Reuter)*

☐ Powell "honoured": General Colin Powell, who retired after four years as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff last night, said he was "truly honoured" by the Queen's offer of an honorary knighthood (Martin Fletcher writes).

"This recognition is a special one for any American because of the wonderful friendship between the US and the UK," he said. "I am very pleased that my country has given me the opportunity to play a role in that relationship. It is a compliment to be recognised in this manner and I look forward to being received by Her Majesty."

Aides said that General Powell was informed of the award earlier this week. He is to be succeeded by General John Shalikashvili, 57, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Shep was not the only bitch

After 35 years, some home truths from Britain's best-loved children's show

AT LAST, after all these years, I've learnt the truth about *Blue Peter*. God rot the grown-up who told me it was the name of the galleon in the programme's logo. I knew then that I was being fobbed off, and can still recall the bitter taste of disillusion.

Children knew and still know the programme itself would never do that, which is why it is able to celebrate its 35th anniversary in triumph. Biddy Baxter, 27 years its editor, remembered her own feelings upon discovering that a personal reply from Enid Blyton was, in fact, a standard letter, and resolved to talk straight and answer 3,000 letters a week. As a result, I should think more Britons aged between seven and 42 recognise the catchphrase "and here's one I made earlier" than the opening bars of the national anthem.



MARGOT NORMAN

The programme is, of course, named for the blue-and-white flag raised by a merchant vessel ready to sale off on a voyage of discovery, as every episode aimed to be. Lewis Bronze, the current editor, prefers the metaphor of a rich fruit cake stuffed with good things. Doesn't he realise children hate fruit cake? No matter. *Six million of them* still watch.

I heard the authentic, boyishly enthusiastically voice of *Blue Peter* as Mr Bronze dashed about setting up yesterday's programme: an item on masks tied to a National Gallery exhibition, bulb-planting in the *Blue Peter* garden, John Leslie racing a hovercraft (properly insured, as the irreplaceable John Noakes never was in the BBC's meaner days), a harmonica act and a crowd of children driving miniature cars round the Television Centre car park.

The 12 million viewers — half of them children, half infantile adults — who switch over for *Home & Away* don't know what they're missing. Even now, distinguished QCs and newspaper editors crease up at the memory of Lulu the Sri Lankan elephant flooding the stage so that her keeper slid helplessly after her.

Since someone wrote a play called *Gone With Noakes* they even argue about whether John Noakes said, "Now I've really trodden in it", on stepping back into the ordure, or whether he said, "She's trodden on me foot", just to get a laugh when Lulu had done nothing of the sort.

Noakes falling out of his bobsleigh and doing the Cresta run on his bottom, Noakes being knocked out by an imitation marrow while exhibiting the art of marrow-dangling ... it still goes on, though no one is as funny as Noakes, and they're still making dinosaurs out of yoghurt pots and autumn leaves.

The *Blue Peter* version of the Teenage Mutant Turtle sewer was a huge hit, and 100,000 people sent in for the *Thunderbirds* Tracey Island model that was last year's must-have Christmas toy. Mighty frustrated they were, too, as Margaret Parnell, who has been designing the *Blue Peter* models since 1954 *will* insist on using pipe-cleaners, and they're hard to find nowadays.

Being straight with children and simultaneously protecting them from disillusion is a tall order, which is why the truth about *Blue Peter* is actually rather complex. Children loved cosy Chris Trace in his cardigan, even madder about model trains than they were — but what would they have made of his tantrum when he came back after the tea-break one day to demonstrate his latest whizzo layout only to find that Richard Dimbleby had sneaked in an messed it all up? He sulked disgracefully when Noakes got so famous.

The audience twigged Mike Sundin straight away, so he didn't last long as a presenter, but *Blue Peter* didn't tell them he went on to be a stripper in a gay nightclub.

They were told, but only 14 years later, that Petra the mongrel puppy died of distemper the day after she appeared and was replaced by Petra II. They weren't told that Petra II was the worst-tempered bitch ever. And, speaking of bitchiness, the true atmosphere of a live show packed with prima donnas came through Biddy Baxter's book about the programme loud and clear. (And you should hear what Baxter's old colleagues say about *her*.)

IT IS only on re-reading *Peter Pan* as an adult that you catch all its sinister undertones. For John Noakes *Blue Peter* was "a great schoolboy life and a *Peter Pan* existence. I did things every youngster dreamed of". Those for whom Noakes was a hero now know that he didn't grow up but became an embittered stock Yorkshireman who argued about the food bill for Shep, got into a libel suit with the BBC and sailed away on his yacht in misanthropic dudgeon.

There is a limited market for boyish enthusiasm in the adult world. Which may be why Trace ended up a factory storekeeper. Thank goodness for Val Singleton still straight-talking and a star, and for Leila Williams, still sparkling as a former Miss Great Britain should. She married a pop star and came down to earth quite happily, running a pub in Surbiton.

What do you do with 21 refugee children on the doorstep? **Gillian Bowditch** reports

JOHN PAUL



A home in the Highlands. Scottish housewife Clare Findlay, bottom left, with some of the Bosnian refugees ... "They are always polite. They are lovely people"

Mrs Findlay's call to alms

Clare Findlay is unlikely to forget her 16th wedding anniversary on October 2, 1992. Instead of sharing a quiet meal with her husband, Andrew, she was welcoming 21 bewildered and exhausted Bosnian children and four of their mothers into her Victorian farmhouse in the highlands of Scotland.

For the next ten months the Findlay family home became a refugee camp, albeit an extremely comfortable one with log fires, tennis courts and acres of garden. Mrs Findlay became surrogate mother, adviser, home finder and protector to a growing band of Bosnians who have made new lives for themselves in the north-east of Scotland.

The fact that they have been able to do so is almost entirely due to her tenacity, courage and resourcefulness. Mrs Findlay is a remarkable women, with boundless resources of energy, to whom impossibility is an unknown concept.

In the past year she has bullied and cajoled the Home Office into granting visas for the Bosnian fathers and has cut through enough red tape to parcel up the whole of Bosnia.

Her story started with an advertisement in a Sunday newspaper looking for homes for Bosnian orphans. Mrs Findlay replied, saying she would be happy to take a child — two at a push — and went out to buy a Serbo-Croat phrase book.

Some weeks later she received a frantic phone call from the charity. There was a plane full of children waiting on the tarmac in Split which could not gain entry to Britain unless beds were guaranteed. Could Mrs Findlay help? She did a mental count of the number of spare beds in her home, just outside the village of Mosstodloch in Morayshire, and said she could take ten. No good said the charity. It had to be all or nothing.

"I was so angry to think of these little children sitting for hours in a ten-seater plane with all the seats removed, that I said I would take them all," she says. She then rang her husband, who, she says, was absolutely marvellous about the impending arrivals.

It then dawned on her that she had only 36 hours to get the house ready. She got in touch with the headmaster of the local school and asked him to make an appeal at assembly for clothes and toys. She then rang Gordonstoun, where her son John is at school, and asked them to round up as many sleeping bags as they possibly could. The following day she had 100 sacks full of clothes.

It was the start of a generosity which absolutely overwhelmed her. Baxters, the food company, gave dozens of tins of soup; the local baker in Fochabers offered free bread; individuals turned up with whole sheep and bags of brand new toys. A friend with catering experience arrived on the doorstep and declared he was there to cook. Two women from the village arrived every day to peel potatoes and someone else came three times a week with home-made cakes. Gordonstoun took the youngest children into its crèche to help them learn English. "There was a huge amount of support," Mrs Findlay says. "I don't think it would have happened like that where I lived before in Sussex."

On October 2 the coach carrying the Bosnians arrived. "I was so nervous I didn't sleep a wink," she says. None of them spoke any English and communication was by hand gesture. "I've become very good at charades."

It soon became clear that the Bosnian mothers did not have the first idea where they were. Communication improved when Petra, a 17-year-old girl from Gordonstoun who spoke Serbo-Croat, arrived to interpret. It was then that the tales of the atrocities started to come out, of murdered children of the suffering and hardships they had endured under the Serbs.

"We were all crying," Mrs Findlay says. "It was horrible. They had had a terrible time. At that point if someone in a Serb uniform had walked up the path I would have shot him and I would not have been aiming at the legs."

The children were remarkably untraumatised by their ordeal but the mothers suffered much more. "Children live in the present. I was amazed at how very normal they seemed. They ran and played and were thrilled about the log fire and the television."

For the mothers the biggest worry was whether or not they would see their husbands again. "They rely an enormous amount on their husbands to make decisions," she says.

Mrs Findlay was determined that all the families would be reunited. She made endless phone calls to the Home Office. At one point, when she knew that five of the husbands were in danger of losing their lives, she and a friend with a private plane briefly considered flying over to Bosnia and bringing them out themselves. Fortunately, the visas for the men came through in time.

The last father arrived in August, bringing the Bosnian community's number to 41. The first Bosnian baby is due next month. They nearly all live in private rented accommodation and have applied for political asylum which entitles them to basic income support.

Mrs Findlay is still deeply attached to the families, who she says were perfect guests. "They kept the rooms clean. They were always polite. They are lovely people."

There were funny moments amid the traumas. Although the Bosnians are not practising muslims, Mrs Findlay vetted all the food for signs of pork and was surprised to come down to the kitchen one morning to discover seven mothers tucking into bacon sandwiches.

"I said hang about, you're meant to be muslims, and they said 'we love bacon. We think Clare no like bacon, she never have bacon in fridge'."

The children have now settled into school and speak excellent English, as do many of the mothers. Mrs Findlay has her house back once more and has been able to restart her work with riding for the disabled. A party to mark the first anniversary of the Bosnian's arrival is being held this weekend.

But Mrs Findlay says: "It's never really going to be over. For these people it really happened. Everyone who has been involved with them feels the same way about them. They are very special."

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Lights ... action ... and pure treacle

One weepie is proving that sentiment can still be gold at the box office

The Empire State Building on Valentine's day has its windows lit up in the shape of a heart. Down on the street, to the tune of violins, Meg Ryan, aka Annie, is running to meet her destiny.

She arrives just as Tom Hanks, or Sam, the man mapped out for her by the Fates, is leaving. The entire Empire Leicester Square lets out a collective gasp. Have Annie and Sam lost their only chance of happiness? Are they doomed to grow old alone and not to have hundreds of babies? Have we paid £6.50 to go home depressed?

It will probably not spoil the plot of *Sleepless in Seattle* if I reveal that instead we leave with a warm feeling in our tummies and tears in our eyes, knowing that out there, there is someone for all of us.

"Watching the film is like having a bath in warm treacle," says Henrietta Otley, 24, who, was one of the thousands to queue at the cinema last weekend to see Nora Ephron's romantic comedy.

In a summer of big-action blockbusters such as *The Firm*, *In the Line of Fire* and *Jurassic Park*, *Sleepless in Seattle* was the surprise success. Its formula of slush set off by sharp one-liners grossed an enormous $110 million dollars at the US box office.

This week, despite opening against the heavily hyped *The Fugitive* with Harrison Ford, it is the number one film in London and number two nationally.



Meg Ryan: causing collective gasps of sympathetic shock

What exactly is the appeal of a film in which nobody is on the run from the police, nobody gets horribly mangled by a dinosaur and nobody (not even Annie's beleaguered fiancé) shows the slightest sign of being a member of the Mafia? The answer is the absence of all those qualities, according to Michael Goodridge, the editor of the magazine *The Business of Film*. "It came out in a season when everything else was action and adventure based, and women and older people in particular were longing for a change," he says.

In the same way the love-from-beyond-the-grave weepie *Ghost* was a huge hit in the summer of 1990, when *Total Recall* and *Batman Returns* were also on release.

The question remains of what attracted women and older people to such a film. It is a question which *Sleepless In Seattle* answers by itself. This is what the men in the film would disparagingly call a "chick's movie", a 1990s version of the 1950s classic, *An Affair to Remember*, which Annie and her best friend sniffle over in an orgy of self-indulgence. It is a reminder of the days of chaste courtship, of eyes meeting across a crowded room, of big-band crooners and mothers who keep their wedding dresses in mothballs in the attic.

While *Sleepless in Seattle* is the ultimate chick's movie, Ryan is the ultimate chick's movie star. Ephron, who directed the film, says Ryan is the woman every man wants to go to bed with. Less kindly, the columnist Julie Burchill described her as "Doris Day meets *Cosmo* girl."

Either way, in a business populated by the gorgeous likes of Sharon Stone and Julia Roberts, Ryan is Hollywood's girl next door. She is pretty, but not beautiful, her clothes are smart but shapeless, her home is immaculate but more Laura Ashley than Rennie Mackintosh. She has a good job, but appears to do no work. Her best friend is fat and plain, showing that women love her too. She is woolly and vague, wears bed socks and floor-length nighties, and despite assuring her mother, otherwise, seems to be a virgin.

"She is like one of those models who advertise washing powder," says Mr Goodridge. "Sexy enough that men fancy her, but approachable enough that you can believe she worries about grease stains."

These qualities — also those of her character in *When Harry met Sally* — have made Ryan so popular that women are said to approach her in supermarket queues for advice. In the work-obsessed 1980s, Melanie Griffith became the role model of the nation's secretaries when she won her executive job and bagged Harrison Ford. In the Aids-ridden 1990s, where one in three marriages ends in divorce, Ryan is there to tell us not to give up hope or to become cynical. "She embodies the fantasy that what happened to her could happen to *little old me*," says Miss Otley.

In real life, Ryan clings to her soft-centred persona. As everyone knows, she is blissfully married to Dennis Quaid, the hunky movie star, who gets brass bands to serenade her on her birthday. She tells everyone that she loves romance, labrador puppies and chocolate. Little mention is made of the fact that she has not spoken to her mother for three years and will not let her meet her son Jack.

Not everyone is crazy about Ryan. Mr Goodridge says: "I find her dippy persona irritating. It is there to hide the fact that she is quite manipulative and forceful in her pursuit of Tom Hanks, who puts in a much better performance."

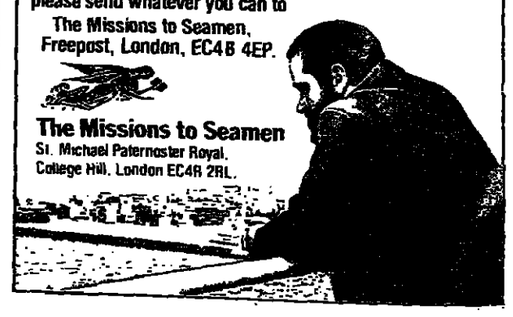
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Frank Bruno does not countenance any difficult questions, or talk of defeat. Tonight's could be his last fight

I've got to set myself up, for when boxin's finished and VAT goes up'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



The question is, am I *going to be a nice lady* or not? Some ladies — it *especially* happens with ladies — have been known to wind Frank up by asking the *wrong* sort of questions. And nothing must upset the fragile mental equilibrium before tonight's WBC world heavyweight title fight against Lennox Lewis at Cardiff Arms Park, while Bruno is "chillin' ". "Look, I'm doin' this interview because George said you're a nice lady. And without disrespect, ladies tend to get things out of context."

When I arrive in Cardiff there are still more than 48 hours to go but George Francis, veteran trainer of many champions, stresses that I must be gentle with his boy. It is a Michael Aspel situation: tough questions are out of order.

But I don't mind, do I? It is *fun to sit in the hotel tea-room* with Frank going *heugh heugh heugh*, calling out to passers-by, "How's this lady shape up? Heugh heugh heugh. Cheers, nice one, cheers mate, I'm bein' interviewed, heugh heugh heugh heugh, like the way this lady shapes up?".

Bruno and his two trainers, George and Keith, are all in blinding white tracksuits which alas disguise Bruno's *27-in thighs*. "You should have came last week to see me sparrin', in the boxer shorts and the Linford Christies."

But having been at the thoroughly unpleasant press conference at Cardiff's once-proud Victorian Coal Exchange a few hours before, I know that Bruno is not always quite as cuddly as his lovable image suggests.

The pre-fight confrontation *is a sleazy spectacle of tacky* glitz and bullyboy aggro, even for boxing, which the promoter, Panos Eliades, who holds the £5 million purse strings, acknowledges is a game full of hoodlums. After a New Orleans-style jazz band paraded through the hall, onto the stage filed the two giant fighters and the smaller men who surround them, among them Mickey Duff, Bruno's manager; tiny Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, former second-hand furniture dealer; and Dan Duva, the American promoter, who had to wrestle with two skinhead bouncers when he arrived late.

On stage, a writ was theatrically served on Lewis's manager, alleging a libel in last week's *Observer*, whereupon Maloney ostentatiously tore up the writ and told Bruno if he couldn't stand the heat to stay out of the kitchen. To his credit, Lennox Lewis, born in London but raised in Canada, maintained an air of confidence and courtesy. But then his unspeakable trainer, Pepe Correa, taunted Bruno ("You better start fillin' out some *applications cos you gonna* be lookin' for a new job!") until Bruno told the bespectacled fellow to shut up, four-eyes.

I am not squeamish about boxing. I can sit at the ringside while splashes of sweat and blood fly through the smoky *spotlights*. A *big fight is the* most intense spectator sport outside the men's final at Wimbledon. But I was dismayed by this ill-natured and graceless charade.

> Pepe Correa said Lewis would blind me, that's why I said 'shut the monkeys up, Four-eyes'

"Was you?" said Bruno. "Pepe Correa said Lewis was going to blind me, that's why I had to tell him to 'shut the monkeys up, Four-eyes'. *That's right. When people are* a class act like George and Keith here, you don't need to go on like that. That's the nervousness of a worried man. If they was ice-cool and self-confident they'd be chillin' like we was chillin'."

Tonight's fight will either be Frank Bruno's last, or his last but one. If he does win the title, he will defend it once only, he *says, preferably against* Riddick Bowe — "he's the man that beat the man, so that makes him The Man, yeah" — or Tommy Morrison. If, on the other hand, Bruno loses . . .

But mentioning losing to Bruno is like mentioning mattresses to John Cleese in the Monty Python sketch.

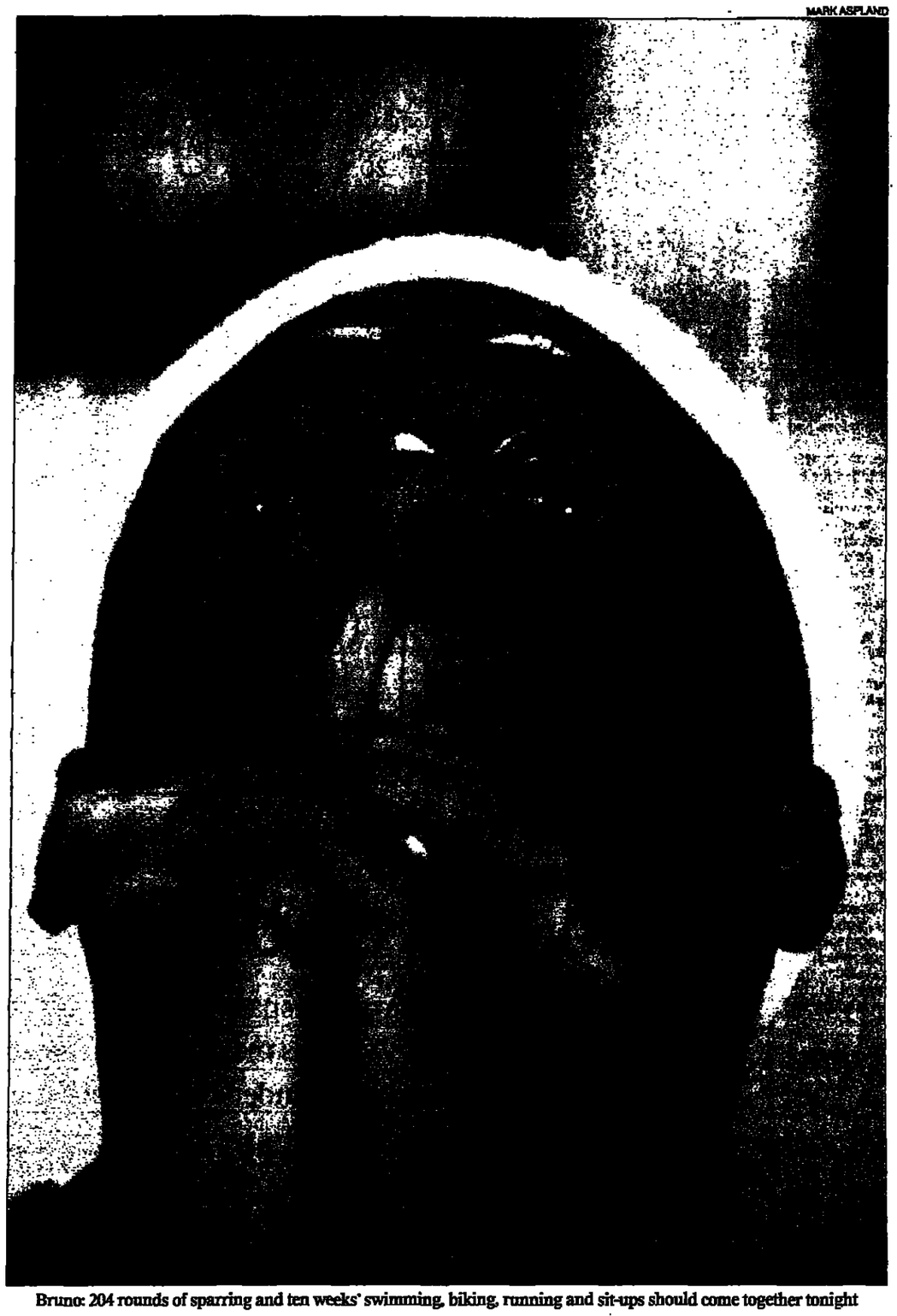
How different from Muhammad Ali, who always squared up with relish to a little verbal sparring. I once asked Ali if he would retire if he lost to Bugner: "Whatever fellah whups me, Ah'll retire. But before a fellah *dreamed* he beat me, he better wake up and apologise." But then Bruno is no Ali, as Bruno is the first to say.

"*There was only one Cassius* Clay. I'd never even try to imitate him because I haven't got half the class what he's got."

So we mention nothing of past defeats (James Bone-crusher Smith, shambling Tim Witherspoon, Mike Tyson) or of his troublesome eye, or what Lennox Lewis allegedly said . . .

"I may be jokin' around now but I'm not havin no distractions around me as regards people puttin' funny things into my head." Wasn't it a distraction, to serve a writ on his opponent two days before the fight? No, he said, that was in the hands of his lawyer Henri Brandman. "That guy is trying to dig deep into my pride and dignity and I'm puttin a stop to it now."

Yet Bruno should be magnanimous. Outside the ring he *has folk-hero status. He can* sell HP sauce and Persil, play the clown and the pantomime genie and wasn't he wicked on *Desert Island Discs*? His trademark Sid James laugh carries across the restaurant where he eats his Jack the Giant Killer-sized lunch. Passing ladies come by to gush at him. One asks him to sign her book. *Bruno is polite* ("Hello ma'am", "Thank you, madam") but too incurious to glance at the title page he is signing. It is *Professional Ethics and Civic Morality*.



MARK ASPLAND

Bruno: 204 rounds of sparring and ten weeks' swimming, biking, running and sit-ups should come together tonight

He decides that I have a posho voice which he jestingly mimics. 'Oh soopah, wonderful actually. Does one want more coffee? Would one want any sugar?" His "knar-mean?" refrain becomes "One knows what one means."

Bruno, youngest of six children born in Wandsworth, has bought a house with 176 acres in Essex. "When I was born I *never 'ad no acres at all so* I'm going to be Squire Bruno. Yeah. It's got some horses, got stables, got a toilet, heugh heugh heugh, but I don't like talking about my house too much, knar-mean, people might think I'm flash."

He is a living testimony to the effectiveness of sending young offenders on adventure *holidays. His salvation* was the regime and the lavish athletic facilities of Oak Hall in Sussex, where an enlightened but disciplinarian headmaster made him head boy and turned him into a law-abiding citizen.

"I was an out of control, out-of-order youngster who would have got into serious trouble, so it worked for me. I was a big strong kid who had the granny knocked out of me. Sent down the shops, clean the shoes, bigger guys threatening to bust my 'ead. I had been a bully, but when I got bullied I decided I don't want to bully no more, it's not nice. Bullyin' should be stamped out. When I go to schools to do my little seminars I always maintain, stamp out bullyin'."

I ask about the purse [£1 million to Bruno; £4 million to Lewis]. "I don't want to talk about the purse. That's immaterial. The guy is much more important than the purse. All I know is I'm going to win, I'll hit him on the side of the head so old Four-eyes can go home. Go home, Four-eyes. Buy yourself some new glasses. Heugh heugh."

This rather belies the new maturity Bruno claims for himself at 32. "I would have got tense a few years ago," he says, "but now I've been around *thesbians* as they say in the theatre business [he insists on pronouncing it *thesbians] and I've got George* here, who's been in the business 25 years, and Keith here, who's only 24 but a very wise guy, dietician, knows about the body, stretchin' and so forth. They know when to get me motivated and when to get me to chill out." He has done no sparring since last Friday. Now all he has to do is "go for walks, get a massage, kill time, chill out. Watch a few Kung Fu videos, no rude films, nothin' like that, save that for the wife."

What happens after tonight is for him and George and "Laura-my-beautiful-wife" to discuss. Has he any more thespian engagements lined up? *"Thesbian,"* he corrects me sternly. "Y'see, doin' pantomime, I'm a boxer what likes to spread his wings, as regards bein' theatrical here and there, little bit radio, little bit of chat show. I've got to set myself up, knar-mean, for when like boxin's finished, VAT goes up, poll tax goes up, I've got to cover myself as George says, gotter be like a squirrel."

He has already squirrelled enough away to be comfortable. "I'm not hungry, but I'm starvin to do more."

What drives him on is his two daughters, Nicola and Rachel. "They're very intelligent, much more intelligent than me. I do a lot of things for charities and I see a lot of unfortunate children. My daughters are what I'm workin for and fightin for. They go to Keith's mum's school," he adds. *Keith's mum* is not the muse of *Private Eye*'s E. J. Thribb but the lady who owns the Bell House School at Brentwood. Keith is Keith Morton, Bruno's karate-champ fitness adviser in charge of stretching and strengthening and something called the air machine, who says Bruno is now 100 per cent mentally and physically super-fit. "And I train alongside karate world champions, and karate's a very positive-thinking sport. Frank is extremely *channelled* now."

This evening Bruno will sleep for an hour. "Then have a light massage, get me hands done, focus on what I've gotta do. I've been training ten weeks for this, swum so many miles, done so many miles on the bike, done so many sit-ups, run so many miles with George, plus 204 rounds of sparrin'. All that will come together, on the night."

As I leave, Bruno asks: "Is this a nitpickin' piece or a knockin' piece?" Chill out, Frank, this is going to be a terrific bout, whether it's your last or not. At 1 am we shall find out for whom the bell tolls.

At last! A book about us

Daniel Johnson is delighted to find some real life in a new novel

OH FOR a taste of *unmagical* social realism! In the contemporary British novel, a headlong flight from social reality seems to be the dominant motif of the 1990s so far. Though everyman (and especially everywoman) is writing a novel, it is chiefly novels whose subject matter is esoteric, bizarre, pathological, or otherwise remote from mainstream life that are likely to impress the literary establishment.

Not one of the novels on this year's Booker shortlist has much to say about the present social, political, sexual or spiritual preoccupations of educated people in Britain. One thoughtful attempt to address all these in a sincere, serious but also unpretentious manner is *Saving Agnes* by Rachel Cusk.

This first novel by a 26-year old Oxford graduate has a thoroughly sophisticated, metropolitan flavour; but it is also what the Germans call a *Bildungsroman*, a novel about the transition from youth to maturity: the no longer over-familiar story of how a young middle-class woman comes to terms with London and with life. The most striking thing about *Saving Agnes* is its prose: the measured cadences occasionally sound mannered (echoes of Jane Austen or Henry James), but there is a delightful contrast between Cusk's authorial voice, with its finely-wrought periods, and the faithfully reproduced slang of the dialogue. Her work *hints at* a sensibility far more subtle than the usual products of the Eng. Lit. factory; she is much funnier, too.

Though Cusk has succeeded in encompassing her generation's *tribulations* at the first attempt, when *Saving Agnes* was published recently by Macmillan, there were none of the fanfares that accompany the literary débuts of ultra-fashionable young literati. It is harder than ever for first novels to command space on books pages.

Cusk spent the first eight years of her life in Los Angeles, where her father worked: though she says that her life there was well-cushioned from those mean streets, she has transferred the fear and fascination which they must have evoked to north London. One of the most effective themes in *Saving Agnes* is the succession of strangers, malevolent and benign, who pass through its pages.



Cusk: funny and unpretentious

Typical Cusk characters are charmed, importuned, violated or ignored by mad, bad or utterly beguiling strangers. In the depths of her alienation from life in Finsbury Park, the *eponymous* heroine strikes back, confounding an aggressive ticket collector called Kevin, whom she suspects has raped her friend, by pointing out that his flies are undone. There is a hint of the middle-class vigilante here.

Safely back in the rural hinterland of Bury St Edmunds, the young Rachel was sent to a convent school in Cambridge, which (apart from helping her into New College, Oxford) caused her a good deal of unhappiness and precipitated a religious upheaval which, she admits, has yet to resolve itself. God matters a lot to Cusk, and *Saving Agnes* has been described as a religious allegory; but the only wholly unsympathetic figure in the book is a born-again Christian, and she describes herself as a "disaffected" (not a lapsed) Catholic. The fact that she has not made up her mind about religion is really one of her strengths: many other readers, especially those of her own age, are in the same leaky spiritual boat.

ABOUT her politics, Cusk is disarmingly modest: though the novel sparkles with arguments between the bleeding-hearted Agnes and her right-wing brother, the author insists that she really does not know where she stands. But would the young Jane Austen have had more to say? The point is that politics is just a normal part of her literary landscape — not a phenomenon of intrinsic irrelevance, as it would be to the purveyors of magical or other abnormal realities.

What of love? Agnes worries endlessly about her own sexuality, but her creator seems remarkably self-contained. Though she is stepping out with someone at the moment, Cusk lives alone in a one-bedroom flat in Kentish Town, and likes it that way. "I don't rely on anyone else to support my writing," she declares. Her next novel? "It's about *the economics of romance, and the main* inspiration is Edith Wharton. But the setting is here and now." Amen to that.

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Philip Howard



■ Never mind the subtlety, feel the orator's delivery; emotion counts at conference

Season of hot air and mellow fruitiness. The sound waves and newspapers are monotonous with conference oratory. And it is fashionable for commentators, and the public whom they try both to echo and to lead, to complain that speeches aren't what they used to be: the soundbite timed for the television deadline has shredded reasoned argument; speeches are ghost-written by advertising charlatans; there are no generous ideas left in political discourse, only pettifogging point-scoring; the great orators of the past, from Demosthenes and Cicero to . . . (fill in names of favourite orators of the previous generation) would not get a hearing or an understanding today, when our attention span runs out after ten seconds; woe, woe, a thousand times woe, with emphasis and dramatic pauses.

There is a technical name for this rhetorical whinge that the world is going to the dogs and that compared with our eloquent predecessors, we utter only coarse grunts. You can read the same grumble in the first recorded speeches, and no doubt they were making it at the cavemen's assembly before writing was invented. Like all rhetorical tricks designed to hold attention and stir emotion, it is partly nonsense. Oratory changes to meet the techniques of the time, but its aim remains to persuade by argument, and if necessary by verbal and emotional bullying or cajolery.

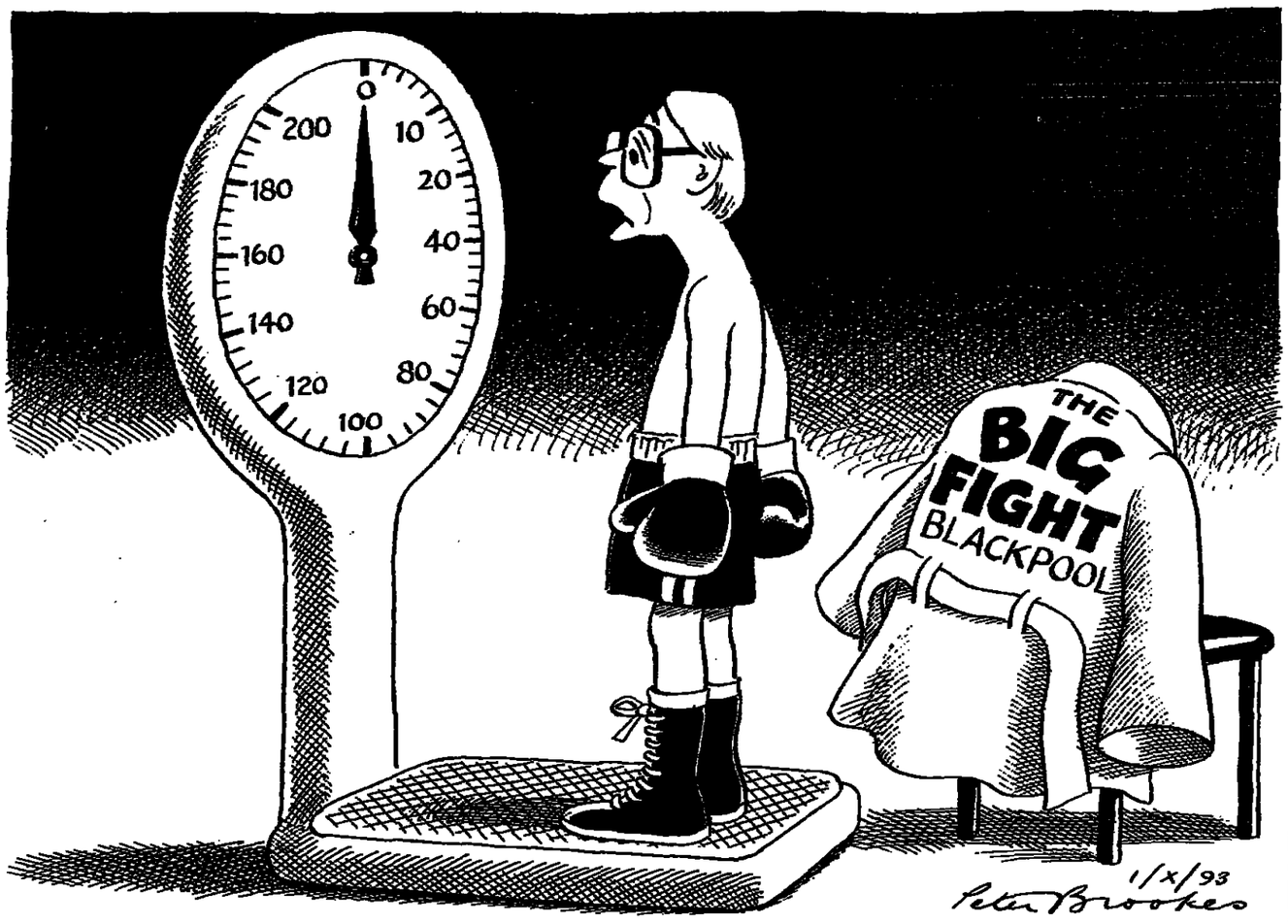
But in the past generation the technology of the hot-air art has been wonderfully professionalised. Where previous speakers had to rely on memory, or notes, or surreptitious glances at a script, today they have invisible electronic prompters so cunningly distributed that they can read the text while appearing to look different sections of the audience in turn frankly and forthrightly in the eyes. I panic that the idiot-prompter is leading me rather than the other way round, and spoil my effect by speaking faster and faster to keep up with it. Whereas previous orators had to speak up to be heard at the back, modern microphones often work without even booming and screeching. Television has reduced the arena of 10,000 to an audience of one in its armchair, and made the large gestures and theatrical magniloquence of mass oratory absurd.

But while the technology has become professional, the trade has become public. At school, children are taught to speak and argue as well as to write, and phone-ins and chat shows have made a public orator of every man with a telephone or a ticket. His oratory may be dire, but it is a democratic improvement from the days when only leaders were allowed to speak, and other ranks, such as Thersites or Kleon or the young Disraeli, who grabbed the mike were mugged, physically or verbally.

Contrary to received opinion, the speeches at party conferences are better than you might expect, and better than they would have been at any previous period. They are made by both sexes and all ages, not just middle-aged white males of the ruling class. All the old emotional tricks of traditional oratory can be heard there, from buttering up the audience (*comprobatio*) to expressing abhorrence of the opposition (*bdelygma*) and asking the opinion of the brothers and sisters without really expecting an answer because it is taken for granted (*anacoenosis*).

Conferences are the last resorts of Anglo-Saxon alliteration's artful aid: "Sleazy, shabby, secretive". As always, the jokes would be booed out of any sixth-form: Jurassic Clarke? Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is barmiest of them all? How does a nurse become more productive — juggle two bedpans at once? I thought that the crack about, "You turn if you want to, the Lady's not for turning", deserved embarrassed silence rather than mass hysteria. But never mind the subtlety, feel the delivery. Witness the success of John Prescott, for whom an Autocue of adequate strength and coherence has yet to be invented.

The one trick that our modern amateur orators have yet to learn is when to shut up and sit down. Conference speakers plough doggedly on through red lights and pleas for their perorations to stop. Since the beginning of speech, a speaker's estimate of the right length for a speech has been twice as long as that of his audience.



How I wonder what you are

One of our space-probes is missing. But will this make any difference to mankind's understanding of the universe?

Bernard Levin

Not long ago, I was jeering at my betters, who were getting all out of breath by the discovery that life in the world had existed much longer than their previous guess, which was (insert any number you think of, provided it ends in an enormous number of noughts); now, however, micro-organisms have been found, which prove conclusively, until the next time, that there were roasted chestnut stalls at every corner, and blue movies almost equally popular, as early as 3,485 billion years ago. Please adjust your watches.

The ensuing discussion twisted itself into weird shapes; this was necessary because, among the theories of how the world came about, it would have been a serious solecism if any of the disputants had murmured that God might have had a hand in it. That danger was averted: we now only await the next breathless claim that half a dozen more noughts are necessary to convey the *real* date of the creation of the Earth.

But now I cease to jeer, and indeed he would be a remarkably blasé figure who dared to. Leave out the dating of the Earth, forget the creatures which lived 3,485 billion years ago, and concentrate not on God, but on man.

The ensuing discussion has been provoked by the alarming news that the Mars Observer spacecraft has vanished, after travelling almost a year and journeying half a billion miles. If it has been shot down by Martian artillery we had better look to our own globe, but it has long been obvious that when men stood upon the moon saying "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind", it would not be long before men began to stir in their sleep and wake to thoughts about how far off is the red planet.

Well, the space-probes must precede a landing, and the latest of these is the Magellan spacecraft, which has for some time been observing Venus: those romantics who think it would be thrilling, and also apposite, to get married on Venus must be told to dress appropriately — in this case a waistcoat for the groom and white silk for the bride is most emphatically not suitable, because Venus permanently enjoys a climate of 900F. Little did Homer know that the evening star was no cool, beautiful virgin but a roaring furnace; even Galileo, who spotted the phases of Venus, could never have imagined the reality. Moreover, apart from its temperature Venus has an atmosphere composed of 97 per cent carbon dioxide — enough to give Jonathon Porritt the screaming heebie-jeebies. Also, it rains sulphuric acid. Venus also has a retrograde rotation, which presumably means that it goes round backwards: but what is backward or forward in those far-off orbs?

Before discussing the disappointment of the newly-weds, it is surely fitting to say a word or two about Magellan himself. There is a good deal to say, for Magellan must rank as the greatest discoverer of all: Columbus is much more famous, but Magellan's achievements were far more significant.

Consider: navigation or no navigation, the world in general still believed that the Earth was flat. (For that matter, Kruger, the leader of the Boers, died in 1904 still certain that it was.) Yet such was the magnetism of such a man as Magellan that he never found difficulty in recruiting crews. He lived only 41 years (Columbus almost made 60) and served Spain heroically, though he was Portuguese born. It was he who first crossed the Pacific Ocean, and it is fittingly so called, because Magellan gave it that name. His own name, again fittingly, has been given to the passage where the two great oceans meet: the Strait of Magellan. And he sails through the skies as well as the oceans: he has his place in the heavens under the name of the Large Magellanic Cloud and the Small Magellanic Cloud.

Now, though, we must salute the ingenuity of mankind: the heavens tell us a great deal, but there is much more to learn from us feeble creatures. What would Magellan himself say if he could see the progress of man's genius? He would admire, breathless, the spacecraft named after him, but he would not ask what it is for: what good is it on Earth? The man who joined the hands of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans knew well that all knowledge is worth having, even if there is no use for it.

The equipment in Magellan is not sufficient to take photographs of Venus, because of the dense and terrible clouds which enshroud it always. Again, Magellan would applaud, because although Venus cannot be photographed, she can and does suffer the indignity of being described by radar. Magellan has been orbiting Venus for some time, and by now we have a detailed "map" of her entire surface. And just as Saturn's rings turned into necklaces, so did Venus give up one of her many secrets: in the surface of Venus there is a gigantic ditch, running for thousands of miles.

There used to be a belief that certain straight lines that could be seen on Mars indicated life, even human life; the lines were called "canals", and the more hopeful stargazers thought of these canals as the Martian transport system. The belief faded under the unromantic gaze of the powerful telescopes, and I have not heard of the Martian gondoliers for years. But what about the Venusian ditch? We earthlings are so self-centered that we simply say that there cannot be life on Venus because of the dreadful physical conditions: but who says it is impossible that there are beings, or at least creatures, who bask in the pleasant warmth and take deep, succulent draughts of delicious carbon dioxide?

But all these celestial guesses only whet our appetites: as I have said before, anyone who has no feeling, or even curiosity, when the sun goes down and the stars come out, must be what Shakespeare called such a person:

> . . . fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils,
> The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
> And his affections dark as Erebus:
> Let no such man be trusted.

All the same, the knowledge of Venus that has been gained by the Magellan voyager does not touch the greatest mystery of all, and even if men walked upon the body of Venus, they would still be none the wiser as to how the universe, including our tiny spot, came into being. I said that we looked to the how, but the greatest mystery of all is the why.

Do you know what I mean by Glow Stars? If you don't, hasten to your nearest toyshop or perhaps stationers, and get a packet. In the packet, you will find tiny cut-outs of moons and stars and planets and every kind of heavenly body, including spacecraft. You peel off the backing and stick the little fragments to the ceiling: assuming that it is dark, all you do now is to switch the light on for not more than a dozen seconds or so; then you switch it off and lo! the ceiling is adorned with glowing shapes. If the room is reasonably dark, the magic of the night and its jewels are strewn across the miniature heaven; I have virtually covered the whole ceiling of my bedroom with this enchantment, and when I switch the light off and lie beneath this wondrous panorama before falling asleep, I have seen the beauty of the night in all its splendour.

But we are no nearer to a solution to the mystery. There are millions upon millions of stars, "still quiring to the young-eyed cherubins". In our tiny bit of space there is room to encompass stars which have been rushing through the universe at the speed of light for billions of years: that Big Bang must have been a nonpareil crash.

And then, what about the Venus ditch and the Martian canals? The astronomers smile at us, and say they know better. So they do, but only at the cost of a monumental vanity. For, those who dismiss our longing to believe that there are sentient creatures are really saying that of all the millions of heavenly bodies our little globe, and no other, has been selected to bear the entire distinction; and why should not the honour go to Betelgeuse? Particularly because the appalling mess we are making of our Earth suggests that there has been a very serious mistake.

As always, we come back to where we started; which, come to think of it, is what all the heavenly bodies have to do. As for me, I turn to Captain Boyle, in *Juno and the Paycock*, and say: "I often looked up at the sky an' assed meself the question — what *is* the stars, what *is* the stars?"

Right man for the right job

Martin Ivens says Kenneth Clarke can woo Euro-sceptics

"You can sit down and argue with him. He won't get into a sulk like Major and send his press officer round later to beat you up," says the right-wing Tory journalist Simon Heffer, of the appeal of his new idol, Kenneth Clarke.

Talk to some of the single-minded, anti-European Tory diehards and you get a totally different response. "Ken Clarke? For God's sake. He's got the same views on Europe as Hugh Dykes," shudders one MP — a reference to the Tories' most federalist-minded member, or "federast" as the current right-wing pejorative goes.

The Tory right has come to loathe John Major for a multitude of reasons. It wants him out. The prime minister was not the right-wing candidate they took him to be. "I feel betrayed," Margaret Thatcher is supposed to have said of her anointed successor. The right is sore about Europe, derisive about the exchange rate fiasco, hates ballooning public expenditure and feels suicidal about the prospect of more tax rises. Most dangerously for Mr Major, its contempt for his attacks of the jitters is shared elsewhere in the party.

The diehards hark back to a "Golden Age", real or mythical, when Britain was feared abroad and an Englishman's home was his nice little earner. Mrs Thatcher was their Good Queen Bess — what Elizabeth did for the Spanish Armada their Gloriana did for General Galtieri. The prime minister, in contrast, is a pacific King James I who only wants peace in Europe. A wimp. They want "Her" back.

But if the right puts up a stalking donkey candidate against Mr Major the hunter that will emerge from behind the beast is not likely to be "one of us", but Kenneth Clarke. And *his* credentials are Heathite and pro-European. The right's man, Michael Portillo, put down a convincing marker for the leadership of the right on Wednesday with an assault on Jacques Delors' Europe. But young Michael, just 40, has still to make his way in the world.

And even if Mr Portillo were to throw his hat into the electoral ring tomorrow, so the argument goes, he would only end up as the flipside of a dream ticket fronted by his boss, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. For all the press speculation, the right has no guarantee that Mr Clarke would oblige their golden boy. The Chancellor's own speech on Europe a fortnight ago was a far more emollient affair, for all its coded signals to the right on such subjects as immigration.

Finally, does Mr Clarke work that closely with chief secretary Portillo, the right enquires? And if Mr Portillo is the chosen one, why won't he make drastic cuts in public expenditure in November's budget instead of hiking VAT?

But the Conservative party, the right in particular, is desperate for strong leadership. It adores natural authority. Anything, anyone, is better than more hand wringing from on high.

A generation ago, the right was forced to swallow the left-wing Harold Macmillan of the Middle Way, "coloured" immigration, end of empire, corporatism and inflation, because he was ruthless. Nobody who was first in and first out of Suez, as Macmillan was, could be accused of sentimentality.

Ted Heath, bugbear of monetarist and Monday Clubber alike, exuded authority in his heyday. Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph cowered at the other end of the Cabinet table to escape his attention. Yes, the one libertarian and sound money man in office resigned rather than put up with U-turns and the Barber boom. True, the Jurassic right was driven into a frenzy by our accession into the Common Market. But when the chips were down during the miners' strike and the question was asked "Who rules the country?" only Enoch Powell broke ranks and said it didn't matter so long as it wasn't Ted. And Mr Heath would have won had he decided to call the election early or even late.

Kenneth Clarke, by contrast, is a far more enticing prospect to the right. He beats up teachers, doctors, and even political untouchables such as nurses and policemen. His admirers argue that he is a shrewd pragmatist, who would not commit political suicide for a European ideal that has barely survived German unification, continental revolts over the Maastricht treaty and the collapse of the exchange rate mechanism.

Above all, Mr Clarke has natural authority. He is not personally wounded by criticism. Unlike the prime minister or that other standard-bearer of the left, Chris Patten, who has an obsessive memory for every tabloid political taunt, he is not afraid of the press. So frightened is Mr Clarke of Fleet Street that he may be about to slap VAT on the printed word. Those supporters of Lady Thatcher who voted for Michael Heseltine in the leadership election would follow him *en bloc*.

There is also a new wisdom abroad on the ruthless right. The Tories, it is now said, have stayed in office for so long because they are possessed of a secret weapon unknown to other parties. That weapon, to stand the old conventional wisdom on its head, is disloyalty. Not for the Tories the sort of sentimental twaddle about losers such as "brave Hugh Gaitskell", "good old Michael Foot" and "principled" Tony Benn. If they are about to fail, then dump them. Dump them even if they have won three elections, like Mrs Thatcher, or triumphed against the odds, like Mr Major. Dump them for a winner — like Mr Clarke.

Soap star packs box

IT WILL come as little surprise to disaffected Tories that Central Office has issued a faintly pathetic press release advising that "there are hotel rooms available during the Conservative party conference", which starts in Blackpool next week. In past years, every hotel has been packed with grass-roots Conservatives rushing to the seaside to cheer on their leaders.

The latest to excuse himself from the Conservative circus is Martin Minns, who worked for the campaign department in Central Office during the election. Minns is, of course, the man who found the soapbox that put Major on his path to victory.



Until his membership lapsed last year, Minns, 34, had been an active Tory for 20 years: he started canvassing for the cause when he was just 14. And since 1982, when he started his ten-year spell as a Tory party professional, Minns had attended virtually every annual conference.

But disaffection with the party under Major has put paid to his enthusiasm. "If there was an election tomorrow, I wouldn't vote," he says. "When I found the soapbox I was only following orders. But there comes a point when you have to say the emperor has no clothes."

On October 4, the eve of the conference, Minns, will in fact be immersed in a demanding task in his capacity as a director of Piper Publishing. He is helping to launch taped versions of Dame Barbara Cartland novels. Cassettes of Baroness Thatcher's somewhat less romantic work cannot be far behind.

Crisis of conscience

PRIZE for the charity stall bungle at Labour's conference goes to Amnesty International. The conscience-driven body was minus the leaflets it had printed for the conference this week — because they had inadvertently been taken to Athens.

The problem arose after Amnesty sent boxes of the leaflets to the Acropolis hotel in Brighton, where the charity is based for the duration. Unfortunately, a group of Greek tourists staying at the hotel left for Athens moments after the boxes arrived, and mistakenly took them as part of their luggage. "We haven't heard of anyone being charged for excess baggage yet but they've not been located so we've done a reprint," says an Amnesty spokesman.

Another contender for a charity bungle award is the Liberal Democrat Disability Association. Its stand at the Lib Dem conference in Torquay was on the top floor of the conference centre — something of a hindrance to those in wheelchairs as the lift was not working properly.

DIARY

● *Lord Tebbit is no political shrinking violet as we all know, but his application form for a pass to the Tory party conference in Blackpool makes an astonishing declaration. In the section which asks who he represents, he has written: "The British People". Once again, he has thrown down the gauntlet.*

Going for a song

PETER Brooke will be disappointed. Next week, when he addresses the Tory party conference on press standards, his predecessor as heritage secretary will be nowhere to be seen. It seems clear where David Mellor's loyalties lie — the MP for Putney will be at the Dorchester Hotel in London, presenting *Gramophone* magazine's annual music awards.

Brooke's department is stoical about Mellor's absence. A spokesman says: "Mr Brooke will be speaking on the weighty matter of press regulation and he would obviously hope for as large an audience as possible. It doesn't matter that Mr Mellor is not there — there are other ways of picking up what he has said — like the newspapers."

Gramophone, meanwhile, is delighted. Editorial director Chris Pollard says: "David Mellor is passionate about classical music and he has always supported the industry." But don't the Tories need him more than the music industry at the moment? "I would not like to embarrass my guest."

Val gets the blues

MUCH wailing and gnashing of teeth among thirtysomethings at the absence of Valerie Singleton as *Blue Peter* celebrated its 35th anniversary this week. The word around Broadcasting House, where she had been working until earlier this year as a presenter of *PM*, the current affairs programme, is that Singleton is keen to distance herself from her past. "She has a different life, she has moved on from the softness of *Blue Peter*. There is even a rumour that all the early photos of her on the programme have disappeared," says one source.

According to Singleton's agent, however, this is not the case. "She was returning from working in Holland. She was planning to go but she was late back." At the *Blue Peter* office, the story is the same. Almost. A spokeswoman says: "We were aware that she was on holiday."

● *The legacy of Robert Maxwell lives on. Yesterday, at an emergency meeting of the Association of British Newspaper Editors in London to discuss the Lord Chancellor's proposals for press regulation, Keith Parker, editor of the* Express & Star, *Wolverhampton, told the gathering: "If you introduce a law of privacy, many a criminal will go undetected." He was good enough to remind delegates that this was one of Maxwell's more memorable quotations.*

Tat for *tate*

AN INAUSPICIOUS start for the Tate Gallery's new magazine, launched on Wednesday. The first article in *tate: The art magazine*, lower case but upper class, has taken artistic licence with the spelling of the rival Hayward Gallery. In a piece about a Roger Hilton retrospective, which opens at the Hayward on November 4, the gallery is referred to two times as the Haywood.

"It's just unbelievable really," says a Hayward spokesman. "The Hayward has been around since 1968. There has been plenty of time to get the name right. Now the Tate owe us one. They have been very apologetic but we will be expecting a big splash in the magazine for our Salvador Dali exhibition in March."

Peter Murray, managing director of Wordsearch, the contract publisher of *tate*, plays down the matter. "We will probably put a little note in the next issue," he says.

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THE CASE FOR THORP

Dithering about the plant's future does nothing but damage

Greenpeace's unsuccessful legal challenge against British Nuclear Fuels Ltd's vast new thermal oxide reprocessing plant at Sellafield has been a highly publicised diversion from the tough central questions. There is a controversial balance to be made between economic, environmental and security considerations, a balance between risks and benefits. Should Thorp be put into operation? The government's decision has been promised for December and there is no pretending that the decision is simple.

In favour of Thorp it should be recalled that it was given its original go-ahead after an exhaustive public enquiry in 1977 and a two-to-one parliamentary vote. It has been 15 years in the building, cost an overall £2.8 billion mainly met by advance fees from clients, and is a marriage between science and commerce of precisely the kind the government seeks to promote. It will provide over 10,000 jobs directly and indirectly in an unemployment black spot and is solidly supported by the local community.

On the other side of the argument, the economics of reprocessing have changed radically since the launch of the Thorp project and, because the plant will incur huge decommissioning costs the moment it has started to reprocess spent nuclear fuels, there is no scope for testing the market for a year or so. Moreover the US Congress has begun to voice opposition to Thorp, citing risks of nuclear proliferation. Although reprocessing for civil and commercial uses will not involve producing the weapons-grade plutonium which is the subject of the global ban proposed by President Clinton this week, that does not wholly eliminate the risk of diversion to military use.

Thorp's environmental opponents have no more certain a case than do its supporters. BNFL has been storing plutonium at Sellafield for over 30 years. Thorp has been subjected to meticulous environmental scrutiny. Before objecting to Britain as a "nuclear dustbin" protesters should consider whether they would rather spent fuel rods were left, as in Bulgaria, lying in pools of water, or were dumped at sea as the Soviet Union did with radioactive waste and entire reactors until 1991. Nuclear accidents, notoriously, know no frontiers and nuclear safety permits of no narrow nationalism.

Thorp's worst weakness lies in doubts about its commercial viability. Nuclear power generation worldwide is only 25 per cent of the levels anticipated in the 1970s. Uranium and plutonium, once expensive and sought after, are now in glut; and reprocessing highly radioactive nuclear waste is twice as expensive as storing it. Storage is no long-term solution; it could put future generations in far greater peril than the commissioning of Thorp. But storage, on grounds of cost today, is increasingly the choice of the nuclear industry. Even Germany is contemplating deep storage.

These commercial doubts should be kept in proportion, however. With Thorp in business, global reprocessing capacity would still cover only half the total of spent fuel produced each year by the world's 420 existing plants. What other new British enterprise can say that it will open for business with full order books for the next 10 years worth around £9 billion and firm customer commitments to use 40 per cent of its capacity in the decade following?

Britain, because it is prepared to be more rational about the risks of nuclear power than, say, Germans or Japanese, has a market advantage it should exploit. To abort this investment in worldbeating technology would cost £900 million in foreign exchange earnings alone, leave BNFL with 2,500 tonnes of spent fuel from Japan and Germany now waiting at Sellafield to be processed, and attract potential compensation claims by clients.

BNFL has entered into contracts backed by inter-governmental agreements. Its overseas customers, who together generate £2 billion worth of electricity a year, have paid handsomely for an assured means of disposal and have no alternative ready. Cancellation would gravely damage Britain's reputation as a reliable commercial partner, deterring future overseas industrial investors. Further official procrastination — the bane of Britain's nuclear industry for years — serves no one's interest. The government should decide soon; and it should decide in Thorp's favour.

TO STOP A MAXWELL

The government should listen to Professor Goode

When it came to light two years ago, Robert Maxwell's plundering of the Mirror pensions fund revealed large grey areas covering the management of occupational pensions and the ownership of contributions. These alarmed many of the 11 million members of the 725,000 pension schemes operating in Britain. Even those in top-quality schemes with excellent benefits and large surpluses have worried what might happen if a Robert Maxwell took over their company and proceeded to raid the pension fund. Many of the Maxwell pensioners worked for firms he had acquired after they retired. The discovery that pension funds could be "self-invested" in the company, and that surpluses could legally be used for general financial purposes, generated wide anxiety that pensions might not pay out.

Professor Roy Goode's report firmly supports the principle of occupational pensions, affirming that almost all are reliably run. But it rightly seeks to do more than shut the stable door after Maxwell, or to provide insurance against outright fraud. It calls for a pensions act, administered by a pensions regulator, and a great deal more openness from pensions schemes managers and trustees — including annual reports to members in plain English. Its emphasis is on protecting the rights of employees, including those who leave a company early.

Under the Goode recommendations, plundering the funds should be more difficult; but as added protection against fraud, a compensation scheme is also proposed. There are no details of how the fund would work and how much it would cost because nobody knows the extent of fraud. There will no doubt be scare stories about costs, and the risk that fraudsters will see it as a licence to plunder. If the Investors' Compensation Scheme run by the Securities and Investments Board is anything to go by, this will not be the case. When it was set up, investment houses feared that claims for fraud and firms going bust would exceed £100 million a year, but it has paid out only £46.7 million in the first five years.

The argument that people are likely to be more careless about their pension scheme arrangements does not hold water. Occupational pension schemes are not like savings and loans in America, where some investors took risks to get a higher return knowing they would be bailed out by the compensation scheme. The proposed compensation scheme would also avoid the mistakes of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp in the US. This started with low premiums but as firms offered benefits they could not finance and then went out of business, premiums rocketed. The Goode committee's scheme will be more limited.

An employee has the choice to join an occupational pension scheme or not. Many who do not, because of current fears, are damaging their retirement. They are, in effect, rejecting deferred salary from an employer which is usually substantially more than the pension contribution required from the employee. Professor Goode wants his report to be fully implemented within five years. The government should consider early action as an integral part of its review of national pensions provision.

PRIZE VEGETABLES

Britain's greatest greens are too much of a good thing

In Blandings Castle, that unchanging corner of paradise, Lord Emsworth's gardener, Angus McAllister, is forever tending his giant pumpkins for the Shropshire County Show. Wodehouse appreciated that in a properly ordered world there are few higher pleasures than the cultivation of enormous vegetables. A truly great gardener like McAllister would dream of crops like the 124lb cabbage and other prodigious freaks of nature that have brought Bernard Lavery, a Mid Glamorgan grower, no fewer than 12 world records. Each of these monsters is a monument to human endeavour and ingenuity. A 16-foot carrot or a 710lb pumpkin do not merely break records — they are proof of man's dominion over the vegetable world.

In this season of mellow fruitfulness, vegetable fecundity is celebrated at harvest festival and village show. This weekend at the UK Giant Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Championship at Spalding titanic greens will be on parade. At smaller shows only marginally less prodigious crops will be weighed, measured and viewed in reverent silence. For there is a hidden magic in giant plants: to every Jack his Beanstalk.

Why do these men in black wellies devote their lives to breeding monster vegetables? They reply they are taking human ingenuity to its very limits. In our safety-first modern world there are few opportunities for the layman to play Frankenstein.

They did things differently once. It would be unthinkable today to revive one of Britain's medieval success stories, the export from Ebenoe in West Sussex of herbally-stunted dwarves to the courts of Europe. Athletes are banned from boosting their thighs by drugs. Even the improving of dogs is less encouraged than before. The rapid advance of genetics in recent years has created a wave of public caution. Supermarkets hesitate to stock genetically engineered products, even when they are better than natural ones. Faced with animal (and human) rights activists, today's amateur alchemists can experiment with their secret potions legally only on plants, which cannot complain.

The only victims in this benign race to breed the world's largest marrow or turnip are our taste buds. For centuries the British have punished all vegetables unlucky enough to enter their kitchens by boiling them to pulp. Giant vegetables, fed upon dubious chemicals or tucked-up in blankets for the night, are invariably tasteless or poisonous. Let us pay tribute to these vegetable monsters and the men who tend and love them. But, please, can we be excused the victory banquet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prescott needs no prompting

From Sir Robin Day

Sir, The success of John Prescott's enjoyable and effective speech at Labour's conference in Brighton (report, September 30) should encourage leading politicians of all parties to abandon their teleprompters.

These magic glass screens are a trick to make the speaker appear fluent and word-perfect. But they have ruined platform oratory in recent years. They are a fraud on the audience because the speaker, who appears not to be reading from a text, is in fact reading words rolling up over the screens on each side of the podium. Even in the hands of a practised user, such as Margaret Thatcher, the teleprompter has tended to freeze and stiffen the style.

Mr Prescott's triumph should be a reminder that the truly memorable platform orators of the post-war period (Bevan, Macleod, Gaitskell, Heseltine) have not needed teleprompters. They would not have touched one with a bargepole.

Yours etc,
ROBIN DAY,
Brighton Metropole Hotel,
Brighton, Sussex.
September 30.

Politicians' task

From Mr W. Dixon Smith

Sir, Roy Hattersley ("Leaders who merely follow opinion polls", September 25) asserts that it is a politician's task to "tell the people what is right" and "convince them that our ideas are worth supporting", but with the useful proviso that if he can't convince people (as in the case of capital punishment) a politician is duty-bound to ignore them.

To prefer one's own opinions is natural; to insist that they take precedence over the judgment of the majority is not the mark of integrity: it is sheer arrogance. Did Charles I ask for anything more?

Indeed, there is something of the cavalier in Mr Hattersley's romantic view of the Great Political Leader tirelessly exhorting a reluctant populace which, though sound at heart, is inherently selfish, unreflective, ignorant and easily seduced.

Ironically, political leaders are, as our party conferences show, desperately eager to listen to some people. Unfortunately, these are, almost invariably, the wrong people.

Yours sincerely,
W. DIXON SMITH,
6 Welland Rise, Acomb, York.
September 26.

Preserving the past

From Mr Jim Lewellen

Sir, Your editorial, "Cymbeline's gold" (September 14), and letters (September 15, 20) were a breath of fresh air. As a weekend metal-detector user and president of the world's oldest metal-detector company I should be immune to the constant stream of anti-metal-detecting rhetoric coming at us from the ivory towers of archaeology in America and abroad. But it is no fun being called a grave-robber, a looter or a pillager, especially if you are not.

In fairness, not all archaeologists think in those terms but those who don't are considered politically incorrect by most of their peers and are seldom willing to speak up.

The fact is the vast majority use their detectors in a responsible and legal manner. And as you have stated, most significant archaeological finds are being made as a hobby by metal-detector users. Were it not for them much of our past would be lost to us for ever. It would just continue to corrode into oblivion, or be destroyed by chemical fertilizers or pulverized by earth-moving equipment and paved over.

There simply are not enough archaeologists with the time, inclination and money to do the job, and there never will be.

Sincerely,
JIM LEWELLEN
(President and General Manager),
Fisher Research Laboratory,
200 W. Willmott Road,
Los Banos, California 93635.
September 29.

Green values

From Mr Martin Gilleland and Dr Rick Hudson

Sir, We recently invited seven leading environmentalists, 63 organisations, many with government sponsorship, and 41 press and media specialists to view a newly installed reed-bed sewage-treatment system at this hotel in Herefordshire and to hear about the reality of running a rural business. Only five people responded.

We suspect that rural issues directly affect such a small proportion of the population that improvements to the infrastructure are not newsworthy.

It is sad that so many seem willing to promote their own organisations but uncaring about the actuality of working and living in the English countryside. Genuine concern only becomes apparent when the situation has become too severe to be ignored.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN GILLELAND,
RICK HUDSON,
The Marsh Country Hotel,
Eyton, Leominster, Herefordshire.

Manchester's future Olympic hopes

From Professor Emeritus George Wedell

Sir, Simon Jenkins is wrong to despair of the ability of Manchester to be a world-class city ("Never an Olympic ideal", September 25). Manchester nearly made it around 1980, when the outward-looking policies of the Greater Manchester Council began to take effect.

With a population of just under three million Greater Manchester is one of the ten biggest European conurbations. The City of Manchester, with less than 500,000 people, cannot on its own carry the infrastructure of a world-class city. The Thatcher government's abolition of all metropolitan counties forced Greater Manchester to revert to a loose association of small-time metropolitan boroughs, incapable of designing, let alone carrying out, a strategy for the conurbation as a whole.

The time is now ripe for its revival as an administrative unit on the scale which its population and its potential deserve. This will take time, but if our political leaders can bring themselves to pull together and to act strategically they will regain the respect and support of the substantial business and intellectual resources of the region. Then a bid for the 2008 Olympics by Greater Manchester, the world-class city, could yet succeed.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WEDELL,
18 Cranmer Road, Manchester 20.
September 25.

From Mrs Janet Duffy

Sir, I lived in Manchester for many years and contrary to the image portrayed by Simon Jenkins, it is a city built on the enterprise, tolerance and tremendous ability of its people to adapt and change.

This need by its people for change did, regrettably, destroy much of its Victorian architecture, but may I remind you that 30 years ago northern cities were actively encouraged to "modernise".

Are the Olympic Games only ever to be held in "glamour cities"?

Yours sincerely,
JANET DUFFY,
Oakwood, Wroxham Road,
Coltishall, Norfolk.
September 26.

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

Sir, Simon Jenkins omits one important factor in his otherwise cogent article: security.

After an unofficial visit to Manchester in August, 1989, a senior IOC official gave a lecture to foreign students at Keble College, Oxford. In answering a question, he stressed that the tragedy at the Munich games in 1972, when 11 Israeli athletes were killed by terrorists, had made the IOC persistently wary of similar atrocities.

Heavy security, he added, was bound to threaten the prospect of a happy, relaxed atmosphere. For this reason, he said, the IOC would not be unmindful of the IRA bombing campaign when they considered Manchester's bid.

Subsequent events, including the Warrington bombing, cannot have helped Manchester's cause. The implications in Paul Keating's claim that the Sydney games would be a symbol of a "world of peace and friendship at the dawn of a new millennium" will not have been lost on our own prime minister.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HINTON,
1 Northmoor Place,
Northmoor Road, Oxford.
September 25.

From Mr N. S. Macgregor

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article has merit, but merits criticism. At the time of the planning of Manchester's Hulme estate, part of which you illustrated, there was no general appreciation of the drawbacks of such design: no party can fairly be blamed.

Manchester had whole districts of 100-year-old slums deemed unfit for human habitation. The council was obliged to replace them, and did so in the most economic way available.

Most athletes, I believe, prefer cool conditions. Manchester in August is warm and sunny enough for most spectators. It is an historic city with much of interest and is central to such tourist meccas as the Lake District, the Peak District, the Yorkshire moors, Snowdonia, Chester and York.

Manchester needs to bang the drum louder, not to sound the retreat.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS S. MACGREGOR,
Brooke House, 23 Osborne Road,
Levenshulme, Manchester 19.
September 26.

From Mr C. Richardson

Sir, Going to the Olympic Games is for most people the holiday of a lifetime, a once-only experience. Manchester is not the place for a holiday of a lifetime: you can't spend a nice sunny day on the beach in Manchester can you?

Sydney, Rio, South Africa, Hawaii, Barcelona, Italy, Greece, these are the places for the Olympic Games.

Yours,
C. RICHARDSON,
42 Bassingburn Walk,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
September 25.

Articled clerks' pay

From Mr Gary Meggitt

Sir, The minimum salary for trainee solicitors (Mr R. E. Mitchell's letter, September 27) was introduced in 1985 because it was felt that students from poorer backgrounds were finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to afford to begin a legal career.

A recent survey by the Trainee Solicitors Group (report, May 17) revealed that approximately one third of all law school students had debts of more than £5,000 and approximately one in 20 had debts of more than £10,000. Can trainee solicitors afford to pay off such debts and meet their living expenses from a salary below the current minimum of £10,850?

Mr Mitchell suggests that many law firms cannot afford to employ trainee solicitors because of the minimum salary, which will in turn lead to fewer solicitors and higher fees in the future. The total cost of properly training a solicitor has been estimated to be three to four times that of the trainee's salary. If firms cannot afford to pay the minimum salary how do they expect to pay for adequate training?

It was a wise man who said that if you pay peanuts you get monkeys. I for one would prefer to have an adequately paid, properly trained solicitor acting for me.

Yours etc,
GARY MEGGITT
(Education Officer, Trainee Solicitors Group of the Law Society),
26 Bowman Mews,
Standen Road, SW18.
September 28.

From Mr Neil Buffin

Sir, As an articled clerk, now called a trainee solicitor, I found Mr Mitchell's sentiments disquieting. The commitments and debts of trainees can only increase now that the fees of the new legal practice course are more than double those of its predecessor, the Law Society finals course.

Without my firm's help, both now and during the course, I would have been unable to undergo the necessary training. Surely the Law Society in setting a minimum salary for trainees envisages the establishment of a profession open to far more people than hitherto. In future will only those with sufficient personal funds realistically be able to pursue a legal career?

Yours faithfully,
NEIL BUFFIN,
Morgan Bruce (solicitors),
Bradley Court, Park Place, Cardiff.
September 29.

Cat mystery

From Dr Andrew Kitchener

Sir, You quote me (report, September 25) as saying that a sheep found dead in Co Durham had been killed in a way that was "quite typical of big cats".

The sheep's injuries, as described to me, did indeed sound as if they could have been made by a cat. However, I did not mention the term "big cat" or venture to guess how big any such cat might be. Moreover, I said that I would be happy to give a firm opinion only if I had personally seen the carcass since I have no way of knowing how accurate the description was. This has not occurred, so I have not the faintest idea what killed this sheep. The only way to solve any "big cat mystery" definitively is to look at physical evidence.

Furthermore, if the photograph you published is supposed to show a big cat, there must be some incredibly big rabbits in Co Durham.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW KITCHENER
(Curator of mammals and birds),
Royal Museum of Scotland,
Chambers Street, Edinburgh 1.
September 28.

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Closer to heaven

From Mr Ian R. M. Chaston

Sir, Readers who are moved to emulate Alan Hamilton's ascent of Kilimanjaro (report, September 18; letters, September 27, 30) will find that, as he, they will be encouraged by bored guides to descend from the lower peak on the rim of the summit volcano instead of proceeding the last mile to the true Uhuru peak.

They will, thereby, miss the most breathtaking, if breathless, walk through an enchanting blue icescape which I found to be the highpoint of the expedition. They will also miss that ultimate feeling of accomplishment which is achieved by reaching the highest point on the African continent.

On my slow and laborious ascent to the Uhuru peak in 1986, aged 55, I was humbled to meet a wiry German lady of some 80 years on her way down from the summit.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
IAN CHASTON,
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Isle of Dogs, E14.
September 30.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Time to consider others' feelings

From the Duke of Devonshire, Patron in Chief of the Polite Society, and others

Sir, Many of the things wrong with this nation can be traced to a lack of courtesy in our dealings with one another. It is this breakdown of personal responsibility that is causing so much damage in society. The results are all too obvious: death and injury on the roads, broken homes, crowded prisons.

What is needed is a return to good manners. We do not mean scrupulous adherence to rules of etiquette, charming though some of them are, but a genuine consideration for the feelings of others.

That is why the Polite Society, of which we are pleased to be patrons, has chosen the theme "courtesy is strength" for this year's national Day of Courtesy on October 1.

We believe the truly courteous person needs strength of character to live by the Polite Society's code of good manners. Not only would such a course enrich the individual, it would most certainly make Britain a better place in which to live and work.

Yours sincerely,
DEVONSHIRE, Patron in Chief,
BILL BEAUMONT,
LAVINIA CHOLMONDELEY,
HENRY COOPER,
MICHAEL DENISON,
JOHN GIELGUD,
DULCIE GRAY,
BERYL GREY,
RACHAEL HEYHOE FLINT,
DEREK JAMESON,
BRIAN JOHNSTON,
JEAN MUIR,
IRENE THOMAS (patrons),
Polite Society,
18 The Avenue, Basford,
Newcastle-under-Lyme,
Staffordshire.

Nurses' uniforms

From Mrs Joy Tulloch

Sir, I was horrified to learn that hospitals are considering abolishing nurses' uniforms (report, September 27). If nurses expose thighs when stretching then skirts should be lengthened. If hats were worn for the job of keeping hair off the face instead of clipped on as far back as possible rather like the anti-school-beret parade, then they would stay on and do the job.

Will we not be content until all traditions are gone? Perhaps we should look forward to seeing our armed forces in shell suits because they are more comfortable, practical and economical.

We should not lose sight of the fact that a uniform commands the respect it deserves.

Yours faithfully,
J. TULLOCH,
Bossington Corn Barn,
Bossington, nr Adisham, Kent.
September 27.

From Mrs Helen M. Braiden

Sir, I qualified as an SRN at the Nightingale School, St Thomas' Hospital, in 1981, choosing it from others as I was impressed with the school and — I'm not afraid to admit it — the uniform.

There is a lot to be said for smart dresses, starched aprons and the frilly hat. Don't you think patients prefer that to us all in white tunics and trousers like a bunch of clones?

Yours faithfully,
HELEN M. BRAIDEN,
Dean Court, 55 Hamilton Avenue,
Pyrford, Surrey.

Tree of Jesse

From Mr S. D. Eagleton

Sir, I was surprised and saddened to read in the Word-watching answers (September 17) that the Tree of Jesse was "used in churches in the Middle Ages as a decoration ...". Are the windows of Dorchester, St Denis and Chartres to be regarded as mere ornaments? Ball-flower and dog-tooth may indeed be decoration but stained glass, sculpture, painting and tapestry were and are didactic.

May I remind you of the words of Suger, the great abbot of St Denis: "The pictures in the windows are there for the purpose of showing simple people, who cannot read the Holy Scriptures, what they must believe."

It is to be regretted that in learning to read *The Times* many of us seem to have lost the ability, which Suger in 1140 was able to take for granted, to read great works of art.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS EAGLETON,
20 Harberton Crescent,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Off the rails

From Mr William Barrett

Sir, I think one of the saddest things about the departure of steam locomotives from India (article, September 9; letter, September 18) is that we shall never be able to enjoy a repetition of the famous newspaper headline which I recall from the 1950s: "India to buy German locomotives. British tenders too high."

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM BARRETT,
Pip's Peace, Kenton,
Stowmarket, Suffolk.
September 20.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this morning at the Funeral of Miss Margaret MacDonald at The Queen's Chapel, St James's Palace.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 30: The Prince Edward, President, this afternoon left Heathrow Airport, London, to attend the General Assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.
September 30: The Princess Royal this morning addressed the Army Command and Staff Course, Staff College, Camberley, Surrey.
Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning visited the Save the Children Fund Shop, 2 William Street, Windsor, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).
Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
September 30: The Duchess of Gloucester visited Lincolnshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Captain Sir Henry Nevile).
Her Royal Highness opened the 6th Skegness (Sacred Heart) Sea Scouts and Cub Scouts Hall, Wainfleet Road Playing Fields, Skegness, and afterwards visited Derbyshire Children's Home; 1 Scarborough Avenue, Skegness. Later The Duchess of Gloucester opened Friskney United Charities' Bungalows for the Elderly, Mantle Green, Eau Dyke Road, Friskney.
Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.
YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 30: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Valstar Systems Limited, Burghmuir Drive, Inverurie, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).
His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Alsop of Aberdeen, Food Park, Blackhall Industrial Estate, Inverurie, and later as Colonel, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, visited Alastrean House, Dounside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, this evening attended the AMI Hospitals' Nightingale Ball, the Cutlers Hall, Sheffield, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Neill).
Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.



Looking sombre and dressed in black, the Queen arriving for the funeral of Miss MacDonald yesterday

The Queen says goodbye to her closest friend

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE QUEEN took the rare step of breaking her Balmoral holiday to attend the funeral in London yesterday of Margaret Macdonald, her former dresser who died last week aged 89. Miss Macdonald, originally employed as a nurserymaid shortly after the birth of the then Princess Elizabeth in 1926, remained in royal service throughout her life and enjoyed a unique position as one of the Queen's closest personal friends and confidantes.

Looking sombre and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen joined friends and palace staff for a private service in the Queen's Chapel at St James's Palace. Among the mourners was Miss Macdonald's only known surviving close relative, her younger sister Ruby, who was once a nurse to Princess Margaret and later worked for many years in her household.

Dressed all in black, the Queen smiled briefly at other mourners and chatted with the officiating minister, the Rev William Booth, sub-dean of the Chapel Royal. Choirboys in red and white processed from the palace into the chapel, where Miss Macdonald's coffin could be seen surmounted by a huge bouquet of flowers.

Miss Macdonald was born the daughter of a gardener in the village of Cromarty, Highland, in 1904, and was employed by the then Duchess of York, now the Queen Mother, after working as a maid for the Marchioness of Linlithgow. On the Queen's accession in 1952 Miss Macdonald became her dresser, travelling on innumerable overseas tours and enjoying an intimacy with her employer which no other courtier could match.

When she retired through failing health three years ago, Miss Macdonald retained her private quarters in Buckingham Palace directly above those of the Queen, and was waited upon by other palace staff on the Queen's express instructions, almost as though she herself were royalty. She was said to have acquired her nickname of Bobo, by which she was universally known, because it was the first word that the infant future monarch uttered to her.

Memorial services

Mrs Tessa Sayle
A memorial service for Mrs Tessa Sayle was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr André Deutsch and Mr Phillip Knightley gave addresses.

P.R.C. Coni
A Service of Thanksgiving for the late Peter Coni, OBE, QC, former Chairman Henley Royal Regatta, Treasurer of FISA, Bencher of the Inner Temple, and Head of Chambers at 1 Gray's Inn Square, will be held at St Mary's Parish Church, Henley-on-Thames, on Friday, October 8, at 3pm. No tickets required. Further details from Regatta Headquarters, Henley Royal Regatta (0491-572153).

Dinners

Guild of Management Consultants
Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, was Guest of Honour at the Foundation Dinner of the Guild of Management Consultants held at the Painters' Hall last night. Mr David Miller, the Master, presided. Other guests included: Sir Peter Cresswell, Sir Brian Jenkins, the Master of the Chartered Accountants' Company, the Master of the Information Technologists' Company, the Master of the Marketors' Company and the Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company.

Smith & Williamson
The Partners of Smith & Williamson gave a dinner last night at The Banqueting House, Whitehall to mark the centenary of the opening of their London office. Colonel Tom Hall proposed the toast to the Firm and Sir Michael Bunbury responded. Among the guests were:
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Blanco, the Right Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Right Hon John Gummer, MP, and Mrs Gummer, the Right Hon Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, the Right Hon Tom King, MP, and Mrs King, Sir Euan Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, Bt, Mr and Mrs James Barclay, Mr and Mrs John Barclay, Sir Andrew and Lady Buchanan, the Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, the Right Hon Sir Adam and Lady Butler, Mr and Mrs Derek Butler, the Hon Sir Richard and Lady Butler, Mr and Mrs Rodney Carran, Mr Michael Chamberlain, the Earl and Countess of Chichester, Mr and Mrs Dudley Couper, Mr and Mrs Harry Craig, Mr and Mrs Alan Cumming, Mr and Mrs Anthony Edwards, the Earl and Countess of Eglinton and Winton, Anne, Lady Elton, Mr Alan Fishman, Mr and Mrs Peter Fitzgerald, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Garnule, Lord and Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, General Sir Roland and Lady Guy, Professor and Mrs Edward Hall, Lord and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, Viscount Hampden, Mr and Mrs Henry Hoase, the Right Hon Lord and Lady Illife, Lord and Lady Inchyra, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Ives, Mr and Mrs Kit Jebens, Mr and Mrs John Kemp-Welch, Mr and Mrs Peter Lee, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Levison, Sir Giles and Lady Loder, Mr and Mrs Peter Meinertzhagen, Mr Peter Middleton, Mr and Mrs William Norris, Mr and Mrs Charles Nunneley, Mr and Mrs Richard Pease, Mr Edward and the Hon Mrs Perks, Sir Ralph Perring, Bt, the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Redmayne, Mr and Mrs Alastair Robinson, Mr and Mrs Tim Shakerley, Mr Brian and the Hon Mrs Stevens, Mr and Mrs Andrew Stewart-Roberts, the Right Hon Sir Murray and Lady Stuart-Smith, Dr and Mme Christian Stucki, Mr and Mrs Vanni Treves, Mr and Mrs John Turnbull and Sir Christopher and Lady Wates.

Luncheon

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Mr Douglas Cameron, Miss Meredith Daneman, Miss Lucia van de Post, Miss Sue Price, Miss Anna-Mei Chadwick, Mr Ian McCorquodale and Miss Shelley von Strunckel.

Appointment

James Glaze to be the first ambassador (non-resident) to Eritrea, concurrent with his appointment as ambassador at Addis Ababa.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.P. Brassley-Brett and Miss T.F.L. Gardner
The engagement is announced between Benedict, eldest son of the Reverend Canon P. and Mrs Brett, of Canterbury, Kent, and Tina, only daughter of Mr F.P.L. Gardner and Mrs P.F. Gardner, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Mr J.E.M. Cross and Miss V.J. Lambert
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Michael Cross and of Mrs Cross, of Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, and Victoria Jane, daughter of Sir John and Lady Lambert, of Rivermead Court, SW6.

Mr A.R. Flett and Miss E.J. de St Croix
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mrs R. Hamilton and the late Dr R. Flett, of Brora, Sutherland, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael de St Croix, of Lewes, Sussex.

Dr G.J. Macfarlane and Miss T.V. Evstifeeva
The engagement is announced between Gary, only son of John and Margaret Macfarlane, of Dunoon, Argyll, and Tatiana Evstifeeva, both of Milan, Italy.

Mr R.J. McLeod and Miss A.J. Newell
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs D.R. McLeod, of Cheshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs V.M. Newell, of London, SW1.

Mr A.J. McLuskie and Miss A.L.S. Leggatt
The engagement is announced between Alistair, second son of Dr and Mrs John McLuskie, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Alice, daughter of Sir Andrew and Lady Leggatt, of Old Woking, Surrey.

Mr P.J.S. Newing and Miss J.M. Tyrrell
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.S.C. Newing, of Gidea Park, Essex, and Josephine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs M.F. Tyrrell, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.S.McL. Ross and Miss E.L. Harvey
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Sinclair Ross, of Stirling, and Emma, daughter of the late Mr Colin Harvey and the late Mrs Rosemary Harvey, of Milngavie, Glasgow.

Mr D. Thake and Miss P.J. Street
The engagement is announced between Darren, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.J.A. Thake, of Greenwich, London, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Street, of Waldron, Sussex.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition.

Newspaper Press Fund
The Prime Minister was received by the High Commissioner for Australia at a reception given by the High Commissioner in Association with the Newspaper Press Fund on Wednesday evening at Australia House. The Prime Minister, Viscount Rothermere, president of the fund, and Miss Eve Pollard, chairman of the 1993 appeal, were the speakers.

Lord Bottomley
Lord Bottomley held a Reception for the President, Dr Derek Zutshi, Council and Fellows of the Hunterian Society at the House of Lords on Monday, September 27, to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of John Hunter.

Service reception

Royal Garhwal Rifles
Major Sir Michael Parsons presided at the annual reunion of the Royal Garhwal Rifles held yesterday at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

Birthdays today

Miss Julie Andrews, actress and singer, 58; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl Begg, 85; Mr Moran Caplat, former general administrator, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 77; Mr Jimmy Carter, former American president, 69; Mr R. de C. Chapman, headmaster, Malvern College, 57; Cardinal Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 76; Mr Sandy Gall, broadcaster, 66; Mr Richard Hambro, chairman, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 47; Professor Sir Stuart Hampshire, former warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 79; Mr Richard Harris, actor, 60; Major D.A. Jamieson, VC, 73; Mr Walter Matthau, actor, 73; Mr Peter Nobes, former chief constable, West Yorkshire, 58; Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 81; Professor John Reid, clinical pharmacologist, 60; Professor Sir Roland Smith, former chairman, British Aerospace, 65; Professor Sir Colin Stansfield Smith, architect, 61; Sir Robert Telford, life president, The Marconi Company, 78; Miss Jean Thomas, biochemist, 51.

Pocklington School

A Memorial Service for Mr R.St J. Pitts-Tucker will take place on Thursday, October 7 at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted at noon. A Service of Thanksgiving will also be included in the School Commemoration Service on Saturday, October 23 in the Parish Church, Pocklington at 10.30am.
Would those wishing to attend the latter service please advise the secretary of the Old Pocklingtonians at Pocklington School, West Green, Pocklington, York, YO4 2NJ.

St George's House, Windsor Castle

Professor Richard Whitfield, Hon Chairman of the National Family Trust and Emeritus Professor of Education at Aston university, has become Warden of St George's House, Windsor Castle in succession to Dr Michael Brock.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will visit Priory Annexe, Storm House School, St Wilford Road, Cantley, Doncaster, at 10.15; as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, will visit Rotherham/Dearne youth action and victim support projects at Rotherham Centre, Rotherham, at 11.15; as Patron of Victim Support, will open the new Victim Support office, Golden Smithy House, Golden Smithies Lane, Wath upon Dearne, at 12.25; will open the new premises of Voluntary Action Barnsley, 23 Queens Road, at 1.40; and, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will open Pennine Sailing Club's new premises at Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, Barnsley, at 2.30.
Princess Margaret will visit RAF Lossiemouth at 12.15.
The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Bobath Centre (for children with cerebral palsy), will open the centre's new premises at 250 East End Road, N2, 1.00.
The Duke of Kent will attend the Engineers' Company's 10th anniversary banquet at Guildhall at 7.05.
The Duchess of Kent will visit RAF St Athan at 10.15.

St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held at Grosvenor House on Thursday, December 2. There will be pre-Ball sessions at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, October 7 and Thursday, November 4, and a teaching evening on Thursday, October 28. Ball tickets are £60 including dinner and breakfast, £45 Ball and breakfast only, from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0QQ.

Legal appointment

John Mesher to be a Social Security Commissioner and a Child Support Commissioner from today.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: King Henry III, reigned 1216-72, Winchester, 1207; Giacomo da Vignola, architect, Vignola, Italy, 1507; Paul I, Emperor of Russia 1796-1801, St Petersburg, 1754; William Beckford, novelist, Fonthill Gifford, Wiltshire, 1760; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, London, 1781; Annie Besant, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, London, 1847; Louis Untermeyer, writer, New York, 1885; Paul Dukas, composer, Paris, 1865; Liaquat Ali Khan, 1st Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, Karnal, East Punjab, India, 1895.
DEATHS: Marsilio Ficino, scholar, 1499; Pierre Corneille, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1684; John Blow, composer, London, 1708; Sir Edwin Landseer, painter, London, 1873; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, Folkestone, 1885; Benjamin Jowett, scholar, Hadley Park, Hampshire, 1893; Gregorio Martinez Sierra, dramatist, Madrid, 1947; Louis Leakey, archealogist and anthropologist, London, 1972; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, 1988.
The *News of the World* was first published, 1843.
St Pancras station opened, London, 1868.
Nigeria became a republic, 1963.
The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by Britain, America and Russia, came into operation, 1963.

Gray's Inn Awards 1992-3

Senior scholarships
The Arden Scholarship: David Forsdick (Heathside Comp, Strode's Sixth Form and Warwick Univ); The Atkin Scholarship: David Quest (Manchester GS and Trinity Coll, Cambridge); The Mould Scholarship: Rebecca Sabben-Clare (Winchester Coll and New Coll, Oxford); The Reid Scholarship: Nigel Dougherty (The Judd S, Tonbridge and Gonville & Caius Coll, Cambridge).

Senior awards (for those not receiving pupillage awards from chambers)
The Malcolm Hilbery Award: Archie Maddan (King's S, Rochester and Durham Univ); The Lionel Blundell Award: Katy-Marie Turner (Eltham Coll, Nottingham, and Birmingham Univ); The William McNair Award: Julie Smart (Daventry S and University Coll, London); The John G C Phillips Award: Mary Ruck (Malmesbury Comp, Swindon Tech Coll and Cardiff Univ); The Sir Raymond Phillips Award: Robin Mairs (Wallace HS, N Ireland and Manchester Univ).
The Rodney Bax Award: Jaime Hamilton (The Kingsway S, Stockport, and Aberystwyth Univ); The Dingle Foot Award: James Buchanan (Haytsridge HS, Hagley and Nottingham Univ); The Weinstock Award: Linda Knowles (Penrhos Coll, N Wales and Nottingham Trent Univ); The Ede & Ravenscroft Prize: Rachel Hague (Liverpool Coll and Keele Univ).

Other awards
The Graham Challis European Award: Catherine Ewins (King's Coll, London); The Churchill Award: Ian Harrington (Exeter Coll, Oxford), Alex Haydon (St John's Coll, Cambridge); The Karmel European Award: Hilda O'Connor (Univ of Essex); The Macaskie Awards: Alan Maclean (University Coll, Oxford), David Robinson (Southampton Univ); The Lady Shaw Prize: Sarah Perrari (Staffordshire Univ).

Karmel awards
Joanne Cash (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford), Thomas Church (Christ Church, Oxford), Wesley Ellis (Gonville & Caius Coll, Cambridge), Sarah Garvey (Queen's Coll, Cambridge), Sa'ad Hossain (Gonville & Caius Coll, Cambridge), Simon Hughes (Magdalen Coll, Oxford), Julia Ellins (University Coll, London), Michael Collett (St John's Coll, Oxford), John De Bono (Oriel Coll, Oxford), David Sandiford (St Edmund Hall, Oxford), Sean Smith (Univ of Sheffield), Angus Withington (Univ of Durham), Siobhan Murray (Univ of Plymouth), Denise Parran (Univ of Manchester), Jonathan Carroll (King's Coll, London), Daniel Margolin (Balliol Coll, Oxford), David Reid (Merton Coll, Oxford), Paul Hepher (Merton Coll, Oxford), Ruben Bhagobati (University Coll, Oxford), Anna Diamond (King's Coll, Cambridge), Monica Garnsey (Magdalen Coll, Oxford), James Benson (St Catherine's Coll, Oxford), Fiona Parks (Univ of Durham), Paul Summers (University Coll, London), Anthony Henderson (Hertford Coll, Oxford), Dean Lubin (Mansfield Coll, Oxford).
Scholarships for the year 1994-5 at the CLE are being awarded early in 1994 and will be announced then.

Latest wills

Mr Bernard Bresslaw, of Little Heath, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, the comic actor, left estate valued at £26,367.
Major-General Wilfred George Fryer, of Warminster, Wiltshire, the Army's Chief Engineer Middle East 1954-57, left estate valued at £186,884 net.
Edward Henry Harold Ward, Viscount Bangor, of London, SW1, better known as Edward Ward, the BBC Foreign Correspondent, left estate valued at £194,645 net.
Mrs Isabel Louise Hall, of Southport, Merseyside, left estate valued at £799,800 net.
She left £1,000 each to St Philip's Church, Southport, where she was married, to St Mary the Virgin Church, Cottingham, North Humberside, where her husband was christened and buried, to St Mark's Church, Dunelda, Co Down, where her parents were married, to the Sailors Families Fund, Newland, Hull, and Dr Barnardo's, and the residue equally between the RNLI, RNIB, RSPCA, St John's Ambulance, Royal British Legion, Salvation Army, British Diabetic Association, Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Leukaemia Research Fund and Imperial Cancer Research Fund.
Other estates include (net before tax):
Mr Frank George Bunn, of Crockham Hill, Kent..... £504,192
Mr Hugh Phipps Hornby Champneys, of Sellindge, Kent..... £741,153.
Mr Derek Edwards, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire... £663,038.
Mr Ivo Fuchs, of Minety, Malmesbury, Wiltshire..... £712,062.
Mrs Frances Adrienne Hagger, of Eastcote, Middlesex..... £508,115.

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BIRTHS

BAKER - On 28th September, to Catherine (née Webster) and Clive, a daughter, Charlotte Isobel, a sister for Emily.

DONOVAN - On September 25th to Val (née Shimp) and Den, a daughter, Bethaney Jane sister to Hannah Louise.

EVANS - On 29th September at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead at 1 pm Grace Mary Richards was born to Jane (née Arden-White) and Mark.

GOLD - On September 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Marian (née Berry) and Howard, a beautiful baby boy, Joshua Michael.

GOSLING - On 27th September in Beverley, to Susan (née Quinn) and Andrew, a daughter, Serena Louise.

GOUGH - On September 30th, in Cardiff, to Alison (née Hill) and Richard, a daughter, Laura Jane Victoria.

HAYWARD - On 26th September at Rochford Hospital, to Jan (née Dearson) and Alan, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca Rose, a sister for Mark Alan.

JOST - New arrival September 25th at The Portland Hospital to Marlies and Fritz, a beautiful baby girl, Sonja-Marlaeta, making her parents happy and proud.

QUICKE - On September 26th, to Jane (née Doughty) and Martin, a son Alexander.

SHUFFREY - On 27th September, to Caroline (née Bryant) and John, a son, Frederick William, a brother for Oliver and Chloe.

THATCHER - On 28th September, to Sara (née Fisher) and Robin, a son, James William Hacon.

WRIGHT - Alicia - a 7lbs 9oz daughter for Anastasia and Robin, arrived beautifully at 17.58 on September 29th.

DEATHS

ALCOCK - On September 29th 1993, died peacefully at Pinewood Lodge Nursing Home, Richard Meredith, aged 90 years. Beloved husband of Helga, father of Alison and Jacqueline and loving grandfather to his five grandchildren. Only son of the late Sir Walter and Lady Alcock. Private cremation service. Thanksgiving Service at St Petroc's Church, South Brent, on Wednesday October 6th at 3 pm. Enquiries to Perring Funeral Services (0803) 862417.

BROAD - Louise Mary, much loved retired school teacher, on 26th September peacefully at home in Golders Green, aged 94. Funeral private at her request. In lieu of flowers donations, if desired, to Musicians' Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to Denys Orchard (081) 994-8194.

CAMERONELL - William Leycester Rouse C.M.G., on 30th September 1993, aged 81, Beloved husband of Doreen, father of John and Peter. Service at Aldershot Crematorium Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. No flowers please.

COLERASSE - On 26th September, tragically of TB, aged 32, of northern Portugal, Lady Coleraine (Toni), beloved wife of Martin, and mother to Elizabeth, Sophie, Caroline and Peter, and to Henrietta who died with her. Requiem Mass at Wardour Castle, Wiltshire at 3 pm Monday 4th October. Family flowers only, please. Burial quietly later in Wardour Catholic graveyard.

CONYN-PLATT - On 29th September 1993 peacefully in hospital, John of Market Harborough, Leicestershire, aged 86 years. Funeral Service at Kettering Crematorium on Thursday 7th October at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for The Palliative Care Trust Fund, Market Harborough Hospital, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9DD.

CONNER - John Brodie Erwin, of North Delta B.C. on 22nd September suddenly aged 57. For further information write Miss Tuckett, 2-3777 Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

DEALANDES - Margery Phyllis passed peacefully away at The Old Vicarage Nursing Home, Bloodsford, on September 26th 1993 aged 96 years. Funeral to take place at Reading Crematorium, today October 1st at 10.30 am. Donations for Friends of the Elderly may be sent c/o Cyril H Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

DUKE - Peacefully in her own home in Victoria B.C. at the age of 93, on September 25th 1993, Evelyn Margaret Robinson, daughter of William and Margaret MacInnes, of Montreal. First married to Brig. R.B.S. Reford and later to Lancelot de S. Duke; mother of Robert, Marryon and Michael Reford; much beloved by her grandchildren Lisa, Sharon, Victoria, Rebecca, Claire, Stephen, Lewis, Alexander and David and by her great-grandchildren. No service by request.

GURNHILL - On September 29th at Tetbury Hospital, Gladys Elsie, widow of Lt. Col. Humphrey Gurnhill. Funeral at Great Badminton Church on Tuesday October 5th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Tetbury Hospital Trust. No letters please.

HAMBRIDGE - Peacefully on 25th September 1993 at West Cumberland Hospital after a short illness, Rhoden (Ian) aged 79 of St Bees. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (Peter) Hambridge and father of Mark, Catharine and Rachel. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 4th October at St Bees Priory Church at 1 pm followed by a private cremation. No talisma of flowerings or flowers please. Donations may be made to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o G.W. Reid & Son, Meadow House, St Bees.

KING - On 28th September, Brian (Wing Cmdr RAF Rtd) aged 67 years. Deeply loved and mourned by Angela, Jason and Suzi.

DEATHS

LAW - On 26th September, tragically, with her mother, off the coast of northern Portugal, Henrietta, the beloved sister of Elizabeth, Sophie, Caroline and Peter and daughter of Toni and Martin Coleraine. Requiem Mass at Wardour Castle, Wiltshire at 3 pm Monday 4th October. Family flowers only, please. Burial quietly later in Wardour Catholic graveyard.

LEY - On 28th September 1993 in Ashford Hospital, Arthur Harris, F.R.I.B.A., A.A.Dip., F.I.Struct.E., F.R.S.A., F.R.Ae.S., aged 89 years. Beloved father of Mary and son-in-law John, grandfather of Nicholas, Robbie and Jamie and great-grandfather of Dominic. Service at St Mark's Church, Whitley Village, Walton-on-Thames, on Friday 8th October at 11 am followed by private family cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund c/o the Funeral Directors Lodge Brothers, 35 High Street, Weybridge, KT13 8AB.

LUKE - Charles Trevithick Aubrey, adored husband of Cathy, died 25th September 1993, Funeral at 11.30 am on Wednesday 6th October at the Church of St James, Bramley, near Basingstoke.

O'BRIEN - William Patrick, on September 28th, peacefully at his home. Beloved husband of Elizabeth for 62 years, beloved father of Patrick, Maureen, Bernard, Philip, Elizabeth and Margaret. Member of the Institute of Personnel Management. A greatly loved and respected gentleman. Private family funeral.

PEEBLES - On September 28th, valiantly in Epsom Hospital, Betty (Gail) née Golter, loving and beloved wife of John, mother of Dale, daughter Sarah and proud Simon and Jolyon. Grandparent of three grandsons, two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. Their remembrance of her is their richness. Funeral at the Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday 6th October 1993 at 10 am. Flowers to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., 14/18 Church Road, Epsom, Surrey.

SAUNDERS - Jean, died suddenly on Wednesday September 22nd after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Devoted wife, dearly loved mother and sister and much missed generous friend. In accordance with her wishes, the funeral took place privately on Thursday September 30th. Donations in her memory to R.N.L.I.

SEBAG-MONTEFIORE - On 29th September 1993, Oliver Sebag-Montefiore after 13 years fight against cancer and 66 years of happy marriage to Hetty. Funeral private. No flowers, mourning or memorial service at his request.

SINCLAIR-STEVENSON - On September 25th, at home after a long illness, Gloria, mother of Christopher. Funeral Service, Tuesday October 5th 10.15 am at Golders Green Crematorium. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marlow Road, W8 (937-0787). Donations, if wished, to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H 0EP.

SPENCER - On 28th September 1993, Lotte Ellen (née Richards) R.E.M., O.St.J., aged 97 years. Beloved widow of Albert (Bert), late of Hardingstone, Northampton. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Brighton, on Tuesday 5th October at 4.30 pm, followed by cremation at the Woodvale Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries to S.E. Skinner & Sons, 146 Lewes Road, Brighton, tel: (0273) 607446.

STOCKTON - On 30th September 1993, Matthew Dundas, beloved son of David and Dorothea and brother of Sarah, Lucy, Henry and Oliver. Suddenly and tragically as a result of an accident in Split, Croatia. Funeral to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLANCHE - A celebration of the life of Jack Blanche, late of The National Magazine Company, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Wednesday November 10th 1993 at 12 noon.

POTTS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Thomas Hume Alan Potts (Tom) formerly of Singapore, will be held at All Saints Church, East Meon, Hampshire, on Saturday 6th November 1993 at 12 noon. For further details please contact Mr Michael Farmer (071) 488-2288.

SCLATER - Emma Mary. A Memorial Service will be held in The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy, Savoy Hill, Strand at 12 noon on Tuesday October 12th.

SHAMBRAS - A Memorial Service in loving memory of Shukri Hanna Shambras will be held at St George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1A Redhill Street, Albany Street, London NW1, on Sunday 3rd October at 11 am. Condolences will be received following the service at the church and at 24 Somerset Square, Addison Road, London W14, from 2.30 pm on the same day.

WALLACE - A Memorial Service for the late Harry Wallace of Branscombe, Devon and formerly of Old Manchester Street, Holborn, will be held at St Winifreds Church, Branscombe, Devon, on Thursday October 14th 1993 at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Hansfords Funeral Directors, tel: (0297) 22638/21113.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

SAMSON - Irene - Died 1st October 1968 - We have bright and loving memories of you still, after 25 years. Pat, Irene, Mam, family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES

COPLAND-GOEDECKE - Thomas Athol to Pauline Hilda in Kensington. Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary October 1st 1993 from Cynthia, Brenda, Sonia, Ken, John, Debora and Paula.

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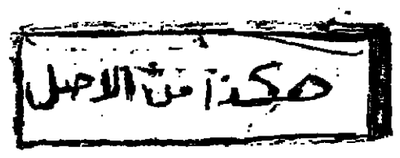
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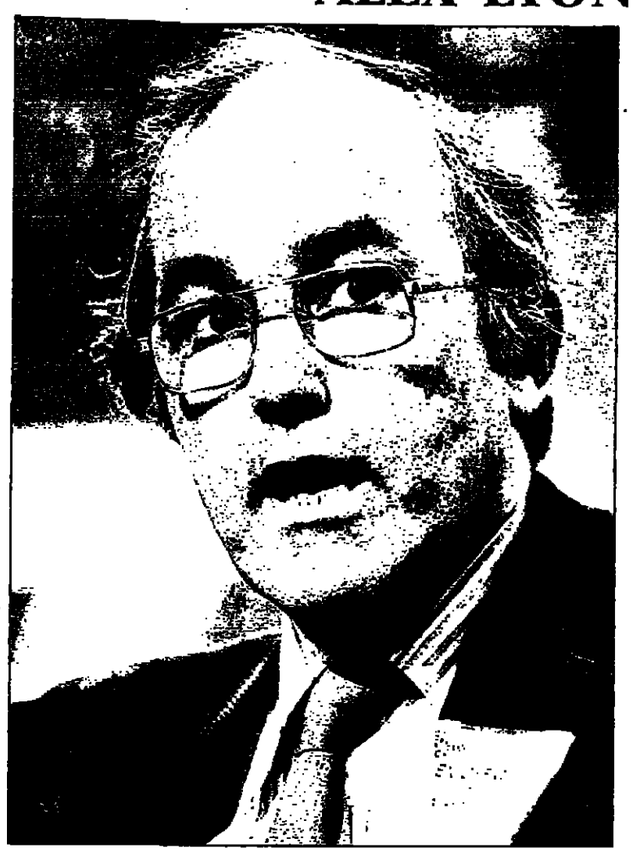
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ALEX LYON

Alex Lyon, Labour MP for York from 1966 to 1983 and husband of the Labour MP Clare Short, died yesterday at Westbury Methodist Home, Milton Keynes, aged 61. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for some years. He was born on October 15, 1931.



THROUGHOUT his 17-year career in the House of Commons which included two years as Minister of State at the Home Office, 1974-76, Alex Lyon was chiefly associated with immigration issues. Indeed, when he was dropped from his Home Office post by the incoming prime minister, James Callaghan, in 1976 and his responsibility for race relations and immigration was divided among a number of other ministers, the event caused some controversy. At the time there was considerable public discussion on the question of whether the prime minister was, by this act, showing himself illiberal over race and immigration, or whether Lyon had been too zealous in aiding immigrants.

The decision certainly ended a controversial 18 months in office for Lyon, who at the turn of 1974-75 had gone to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh to enquire into delays in granting certificates of entry into Britain for dependents of people already settled. There was a clash when civil service procedures were criticised as amounting to refusal of justice and in turn were defended — for instance, on the ground that patient enquiry into applications was better than hasty decisions over ill-founded documentation. Certainly it happened that within a fortnight of Lyon's removal a quarterly report of the Ombudsman, Sir Idwal Pugh, called for simpler arrangements to speed entry of some immigrants from the Indian sub-continent.

It was the second occasion in his parliamentary career that Lyon had been deprived of a job. In May 1972 he had been dropped by the then prime minister, Harold Wilson, only a month after Lyon — a Labour front-bench spokesman on African affairs from 1970 and on home affairs from 1971 — had moved up to second spokesman on the latter, under Shirley Williams. The cause of Mr Wilson's displeasure — based on reports by the whips and the Parliamentary Labour Party, and spread alike over Lyon and over Mr Maurice Poley — was that he had failed to observe a three-line whip on a vote in debate on the controversial Housing Finance Bill. Lyon's voting record was not of the kind to save him from dismissal.

There was to be no further ministerial office for Lyon, but in 1978 he was elected to succeed the Liberal peer Lord Foot as chairman of the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service. This gave him much satisfaction enabling him to continue to scrutinise what he felt to be cases of unfair treatment to immigrants and would-be immigrants.

Lyon's actions often caused strong reactions — largely because he continually stood his ground as a zealot for what he saw as justice. Furthermore he was a zealot fortified with the trained professional skills and preoccupations of a barrister with years of practice behind him. He approached the legislative process with a sense of the injustice inflicted on some people under the law — "battered wives" for instance, many of whom he had represented in divorce hearings — and the accused in general when they seemed at risk from the rules of evidence and from the procedures over cautioning and taking statements. Here he would brook no recourse to a tougher hand against the accused, and this sprang from a certainty in his mind that he had defended innocent people who could become victims of the law's procedures.

He did not hesitate, after taking office, to speak out for a new deal under which a prosecuting service, independent of the police, might sanction prosecutions. He hoped such a service would look more sceptically on some cases than would the police themselves. If this made him less than popular with the police in his Home Office job at times, it was the clash with civil servants over immigration that he blamed for his early departure from office.

Alexander Ward Lyon was educated at West Leeds High School and University College London. He became a barrister in 1954 and practised on the North East Circuit. Once in politics, he joined, and later became chairman of, the Society of Labour Lawyers. He was also a member of the Committee of Enquiry on Privacy under Sir Kenneth Younger, which sat from 1970 and reported in two years. He was also a Methodist local preacher.

He won York in 1966 from the Conservatives when this notoriously close-fought constituency was for a time ignored by the Liberals, and he did well to hold it at the general elections of 1970 and in the spring and autumn of 1974. He barely managed it at the third contest, when the Liberals returned and his majority was cut to 831. But matters improved in the September 1974 election and his majority increased to 3,689. In 1969 he became first an additional PPS to Treasury ministers and then PPS to the Postmaster General. He was a supporter of Britain's entry into the EEC and voted for the principle of entry in October 1971. Always controversial, he was apt to lead with either hand on such subjects as interrogating methods in Northern Ireland, denying co-operation to South Africa, telephone tapping, privacy and regulation of the press, and rehabilitation of prisoners.

After his dismissal from the Home Office Lyon's career languished for a while — though he remained a vociferous spokesman on race and immigration issues. But his appointment to head the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service, which had been set up in 1970 to advise and represent immigrants in difficulties with immigration control, gave him a new field for his concerns. In addition to his work with the service he was, in 1981, a member of the Commons subcomittee which conducted an enquiry into the workings of the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE). As such he turned out to be one of the CRE's sternest inquisitors, accusing it in particular of virtually ignoring its law enforcement role. "What have you done with these powers?", he asked. "Out of 224 staff you have 53 in the equal opportunities division of whom only four are legally trained. In four years you have announced 45 strategic reviews of which you have completed ten, and those are the least important ones".

From 1980 to 1983 Lyon was chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Home Affairs Group. He was a vigilant scrutineer of the actions of the police, of whom he was often a stern critic. Here, too, he could be a stormy petrel, and on one occasion he was forced to retract remarks in which he had said that some chief constables appeared to think they were "above the law". He also took part in Labour delegations examining the state of human rights in several countries overseas.

Lyon was defeated for the York seat by the Conservative party candidate in the general election of 1983, when his wife Clare Short, whom he had married in 1981, was first elected to Parliament as Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood. The following year he relinquished his chairmanship of the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service. He had periods of ill-health and in 1984 was diagnosed as having spinal muscular dystrophy. It was subsequently established that he was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He continued to live with his wife at their home in Clapham until the summer of 1991 when his deterioration was such that he entered the Westbury Methodist Home, at Milton Keynes.

Alex Lyons married, first, in 1951, Hilda Arandall, and they had two sons and a daughter. This marriage was dissolved. Clare Short and the children of his first marriage survive him.

HOWARD BAKER



Howard Baker, television producer and director, died of cancer in Hale, Cheshire, on September 23 aged 61. He was born in Sale, near Manchester, on October 15, 1931.

HOWARD BAKER's contribution to the finest in British television over the last 30 years can hardly be overestimated. His unerring talents as both a producer and a director helped create the better qualities of such programme as *Crown Court* and that icon of TV soaps, *Coronation Street*.

Indeed he cut his teeth as a director on early episodes of the "Street" in 1960, the year he joined Granada Television in the pioneering days when drama went out not only in black and white but live. They were exciting times of almost unbearable tension for both the actors and those behind the cameras. There was no disguising any fluffed lines or miscues; but Baker's sure touch even then was such that they did not happen when he was in charge.

Under Granada's then supremo Sidney Bernstein, the policy was to encourage directors and producers not to specialise in any one kind of show but to turn their hand to anything that came along. Baker went on to produce and/or direct throughout his long career with Granada a wide ranging output from the popular to the classical in the form of series, serials and one-off plays. He established his reputation with such prestige successes as A. J. Cronin's *The Stars Look Down*; Phyllis Bentley's *Inheritance* and — one of his particular favourites — Jane Austen's *Persuasion*.

This last is soon to be revived on video after a 20-year gap, and when he watched it again recently Baker remarked on the measured direction of that kind of dramatisation two decades ago when compared with today's accelerated pace.

Howard Baker's original career intention was the theatre which he loved. He developed his stage interests at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he read English and met his wife-to-be the writer Kathleen Potter.

He became president of the Experimental Theatre Club as well as being active in OUDS. He graduated in 1955 and worked as stage manager on Peter Hall's memorable production of Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* at the Arts Theatre in London. He moved on to Stratford-upon-Avon to work with the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre before returning to his native North to take a job with director Michael Elliott in Manchester.

Meanwhile Baker became aware of the possibilities of the then emerging medium of television. He joined Granada as a trainee programme director in April 1960 after writing directly to Bernstein saying: "My aim is to produce on television." Within nine months he was a qualified director working on early episodes — his first was the 17th — of the then fledgling series, *Coronation Street*. Already his instinctive theatrical touch, adapted to the demands of live television, was helping to guide such founder-stars of the programme as Arthur Lowe, later of *Dad's Army* fame, who played pedantic draper Leonard Swindley; Violet Carson (Ena Sharples); Pat Phoenix (Elsie Tanner) and William Roache (Ken Barlow) who were then still to establish their later extraordinary celebrity with the viewers.

He was to return to the "Street" as director time and again over the years of its growth. Having taken early retirement in 1989, he remained closely associated with Granada and was contracted to direct further episodes even up to his untimely death.

Along with *Coronation Street* Howard Baker was particularly proud of his achievement in the success of the long-running legal drama *Crown Court* for which he was chiefly responsible. He was influential in bringing to the series numerous writers and directors comparatively new to television.

Throughout a distinguished career he was looked upon with esteem and even affection by writers and directors. His respect for the written word, together with the input of the performer, was well known throughout television. However, gentle and ever-courteous as he was, Baker, whose creased corduroys and rich growth of ginger hair and beard were a familiar sight around the Granada studios, was no pushover. He was unimpressed by glamour or false presence and demanded very high standards from the people he worked with.

Off the set, his interests were many. He loved music — he could read a score and liked to direct outside concert broadcasts — he was a keen follower of his local Altrincham football club, he was an avid reader of good literature, he loved snooker and he kept bees. But his consuming interest was his family: his wife Kathleen, and their one son and four daughters who survive him.

NINA BERBEROVA

Nina Nikolaevna Berberova, Russian novelist and memoirist, died in Paris on September 27 aged 93. She was born in St Petersburg on August 8, 1901.



ALTHOUGH Mark Slonim, in his *Modern Russian Literature*, published as long ago as 1953, fully recognised the unique genius of Nina Berberova, it was not until the 88th year of her long life that the English-speaking world really began to understand that she was a fiction writer of the order of Nabokov or Bely. She knew every writer and critic of importance both in pre-revolutionary Russia and then in *émigré* circles.

She was the companion of the great poet Vladislav Khodasevich when he left Russia, in 1922, for exile in Berlin, Czechoslovakia, Italy, and, finally, France. The poet Gumilev had been in love with her: she was with him on the night of his arrest by the Cheka in August 1921, in connection with the so-called "Tagantsev plot" — he was shot within days. Georgy Ivanov, too, another poet of the Acmeist Movement, and Berberova's fellow exile in France, was in love with her.

She stayed with Khodasevich, by then a genius driven to the brink of insanity, until 1935 — when she left him for another man, with whom she shared a country house near Paris until the outbreak of war.

Her *Kursiv Moi* (1972), translated into English, from a 1965 version, as *The Italics are Mine* (1969), gives a vivid account of this period of her life. When this was reprinted in 1991 in England, following upon the sudden success of translations of her fiction, it was much regretted that the important revisions and reconsiderations which Berberova made in her 1983 edition of this book had not been incorporated. But it is, after all that, a tart book, as well it might be, and critics sympathetic to hardline communism deprecated it.

More to the point, perhaps, than these denigrations of her shrewdly feminine — not to say feminist — pen-portraits of such as Bunin, Gorki, Ivanov, and her close friend Nabokov was her capacity, as one admirer put it, "to stick in details with the accuracy of a sorceress sticking pins into a wax model". The power was deadly, but behind it was a heart as golden as the pins were sharp.

Those who understood Berberova, chiefly women, applauded her love of life rather than the harshness to which it inevitably gave rise.

She was the daughter of an Armenian family long settled in Russia. When she reached France, still almost a girl, she not only looked after and ministered to the frail Khodasevich, but became a very busy biographer, editor and novelist in her own right. Her fictional biography of Tchaikovsky (1936) was so much a success in France that it was filmed there, although (perhaps fortunately) it remains untranslated into English.

In 1951 Berberova left France for America, where she performed a variety of tasks, some of them undoubtedly menial by her standards: office-machine operator, teacher at a Berlitz school, radio announcer for the "Voice of America".

In 1958 she became a lecturer at Yale, then (1963-71) a professor of literature at Princeton. She was a translator of French books into Russian, as well as of Russian books into French (of which she had complete mastery). She herself wrote many other books, among them valuable studies of Blok and Borodin, and even a history of Russian Freemasonry between 1906 and 1971.

She also edited, for *émigré* presses, the works of her former companion Khodasevich. And in 1990 she was able to make the triumphant trip back to her native country.

During her time in America she suddenly became a celebrity in France, when one of her stories appeared in a French version, *L'Accompagnatrice* (1985). English readers had to wait until 1988 when it was published as *The Accompanist*.

Her chief claim to eminence, though — it is hardly disputed and only remains to be further and properly explored — lies in her serious fiction. Her memoirs are indeed indispensable, but the truth about them is that, like so much else she had to write to keep herself alive, she wrote them for a far wider audience than she really liked, or was natural to her genius.

When translations of her works got under way in the second half of the 1980s critics were unanimous in their admiration (a few lovers of Soviet Russia were grudging).

In Russian literature short stories and long short stories are two very distinct entities: *Rasskaz* and *Povesti* respectively. It was in the *Povesti* that she really excelled — *Three Novels* (1990) and *Three Novels: The Second Volume* (1991) are mistitled: all six are *Povesti*. And all six, too, demonstrate, as do *Sentence Commuted* (1985, published in the *Literary Review*), *The Revolt* (1989), and *The Tattered Cloak* (1991), that, by great good fortune, a substantial genius had been turned up.

The whole story of this remarkable woman — the one behind, after all, one of the century's greatest poets and critics in any language — has yet to be told, and the rest of her best fiction has yet to be put into English. The result will certainly add to the list of great woman writers of the 20th century.

Dennis Clark

DENNIS J. CLARK, an expert on Irish-Americans, who worked for government agencies that championed the underclass, died in Philadelphia on September 17 aged 66.

He was executive director of the Samuel S. Fels Fund, a foundation supporting science, education, the arts and community services from 1971 until he retired in 1988.

Clark dealt with racial and ethnic tensions while working on the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations and helped the city's housing authority desegregate its projects. Among Clark's 11 books and articles were: *The Irish in Philadelphia: 10 Generations of Urban Experience*.

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In the early hours of yesterday morning, two more horrible murders were committed in the East-end of London, the victim in both cases belonging, it is believed, to the same unfortunate class. No doubt seems to be entertained by the police that these terrible crimes were the work of the same fiendish hands which committed the outrages which had already made Whitechapel so painfully notorious . . .

The scene of the first crime is a narrow court in Berners-street, a quiet thoroughfare running from Commercial-road down to the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway. At the entrance to the court are a pair of large wooden gates, in one of which is a small wicket for use when the gates are closed. At the hour when the murderer accomplished his purpose, these gates were open; indeed, according to the testimony of those living near, the entrance to the court is seldom closed. For a distance of 18ft. or 20ft. from the street, there is a dead wall on each side of the court, the effect of which is to enshroud the intervening space in absolute darkness after sunset. Futher back some light is thrown into the court from the windows of a workmen's club, which occupies the whole length of the court on the right, and from a number of cottages occupied mainly by tailors and cigarette makers on the left. At the time when the murder was committed, however, the lights in all of the dwelling-houses in question had been extinguished, while such illumination as came from the club, being from the upper story, would fall on the cottages opposite, and would only serve to intensify the gloom of the rest of the court. From the position in which the body was found, it is believed that the moment the murderer had got his victim in the dark shadow near the entrance to the court, he threw her to the ground, and with one gash severed her throat from ear to ear . . .

The woman appears to be about 30 years of age. Her hair is very dark, with a tendency to curl, and her complexion is also dark. Her features are sharp and somewhat pinched, as though she had endured considerable privations recently. She wore a rusty black dress of a cheap kind of sateen with a velveteen bodice, over which was a black diagonal worsted jacket, with fur trimming. Her bonnet, which had fallen from her head when she was found in the yard, was of black crape. In her right hand were tightly clasped some grapes, and in her left she held a number of sweetmeats. Both the jacket and the bodice were open towards the top, but in other respects the clothes were not disarranged. The linen was clean and in tolerably good repair. The cut in the woman's throat, which was the cause of death, had evidently been effected with a very sharp instrument. The weapon had apparently been drawn across the throat obliquely from left to right, and it had severed both the windpipe and the jugular vein. As the body lies in the mortuary, the head seems to be almost severed, the gash being about three inches long and nearly the same depth . . .

ON THIS DAY

October 1 1888

The first Whitechapel murder attributed to Jack the Ripper was in April — the seventh and last, in November. The victims were all prostitutes. The murders were covered in The Times *at considerable length; no gruesome detail was omitted and the mutilated bodies were described almost with relish.*

Indian quake leaves 10,000 dead

■ An earthquake which devastated an area of the state of Maharashtra in western India, yesterday, killed up to 10,000 people as they slept. Thousands more were injured.

Troops and civilian rescue teams recovered thousands of bodies from the worst-hit towns of Umarga and Khilari, about 250 miles from Bombay, where a series of tremors, the biggest measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale, collapsed mud, stone and thatch homes on to their owners .....Pages 1, 15

Maxwell-proof pension funds sought

■ The report of the Pension Law Review Committee, headed by Professor Roy Goode, has recommended that the government establish a new pensions law which will protect the 11 million members of occupational schemes from another Robert Maxwell .....Pages 1, 6, 21, 25, 26

Case abandoned

Ten charges of false accounting involving £7.3 million against John Turner, 54, chief accountant of Polly Peck International, have been abandoned following the escape of Asil Nadir, the company's former chairman .....Page 1

Major warned

Senor conservative right-wingers of the 80-strong 92 Group of MPs have told John Major that time is running out for him to strengthen control of the party .....Page 2

Palace profits

Buckingham Palace officials are confident that the eight-week tourist invasion will have raised the targeted £1.75 million towards Windsor Castle rebuilding costs .....Page 3

Bigamist jailed

Victor Harris, 40, a solicitor who bigamously married and then stole from clients to keep three women, was jailed for three years yesterday .....Page 3

VAT opposition

A MORI poll for *The Times* indicates that nearly three-quarters of the population is opposed to the imposition of value added tax on newspapers, magazines and books.....Page 2

Abuse missed

Marietta Higgs, the doctor at the centre of the Cleveland child abuse scandal, is the subject of complaints by a family after a baby, examined by her, died as a result of injuries inflicted by the father, Karl Davison, who has been jailed for five years for manslaughter .....Page 5

Disaster looms

More than two million people face a winter disaster after Bosnian Muslims rejected the latest peace deal .....Page 16

Murder denied

Rene Sampat, 37, and her son, Roy Aziz, 18, have denied charges of murdering a woman with whose lay preacher husband she had become infatuated .....Page 3

Spy accusations

An unnamed married West German woman, 40, who worked in the office of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has been accused of spying for East Germany .....Page 16

College consultants

Professional advisers are giving public school pupils an advantage in the race for university places, helping them to complete application forms .....Page 7

Hong Kong fears

A leading Hong Kong liberal, Martin Lee, fears that Britain is on the brink of total capitulation to Peking over takeover of the colony .....page 17

Cover-up alleged

US government agents tampered with the official version of the first disastrous raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, then tried to conceal the changes, an independent report alleges .....Page 17

Getting it word perfect before sex

■ Authorities at Antioch College in Ohio have produced a new manual laying down rules for campus sex that is expected to have the effect of a cold shower. It will no longer be enough to ask: "Do you want to have sex with me?" The rules insist that specific verbal consent is necessary before each stage of the process .....Page 1



JOHN POTTER

Canaletto's "View of the Old Horseguards", which is owned by Andrew Lloyd Webber, being hung by technicians in the Gas Hall, Birmingham, yesterday, for the Canaletto & England exhibition opening on October 14 until January 9, next year

Lloyd's threat: Lloyd's of London is facing a crisis on two fronts after two leading action groups representing the market's hardest-hit names threatened to pull out of rescue talks .....Page 25

Canary rescue: A £1.1 billion rescue package for London's troubled Canary Wharf docklands development has been approved by its 1,400 unsecured creditors, clearing the way for work to start on the Jubilee Line .....Page 27

Dollar dominates: The strong performance of the dollar, boosted by good US economic news and uncertainty over Russia, dominated currency exchange markets. The FT-SE 100 index closed up 7.3 Page 28

Boxing: The biggest bout in British boxing history will take place between Frank Bruno and Lennox Lewis at Cardiff Arms Park in the early hours of tomorrow — weather permitting .....Pages 46, 48

Fishing: Life for the salmon is better than it has been for thirty years following the decision by Greenland not to fish its quota for 1993 and 1994, according to Brian Clarke .....Page 43

Judo: Britain's women hope to sustain their success of recent years at the world championships in Hamilton, Ontario, which start today. Nicola Fairbrother, in the lightweight category, is a main medal contender .....Page 42

Mother courage: A woman has become a surrogate mother to the tragic children of Bosnia. Gillian Bowditch reports .....Page 18

Sharp slush: Julia Llewellyn Smith on the formula of slush set off by sharp one-liners which has made *Sleepless in Seattle* a box office triumph .....Page 18

Valerie Grove interview: Having been at the thoroughly unpleasant press conference, I know that Bruno is not always quite as cuddly as his image suggests .....Page 19

Take the car for a spin: How drivers can find out in safety how they would cope in a skid .....Page 41

Snapper supreme: Bill Brandt, arguably the finest British photographer of the century, is celebrated in a new Barbican exhibition. It ranges from his great wartime air-raid shelter photographs to classic portraits .....Page 37

Britten revived: An English National Opera revival of Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* tackles head-on the work's ambiguities .....Page 38

Rock on Friday: "There's no point in my waiting for Suede's audience to get interested in me," says Kenny Thomas, the London-born amateur boxer turned soul singer. But sales of 600,000 on his first album suggest that somebody out there likes him .....Page 39



Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Fortuna*, has pulled out of the Whitbread Round the World Race after a number of early setbacks Page 48



Joe Weddell brought joy to his mother, Janice, when he was born by caesarian section 26 days before she died of cancer of the pancreas Page 8



Hilary Armstrong, parliamentary aide to John Smith, is being tipped for promotion to the shadow cabinet after playing a crucial role in Brighton Pages 1, 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

A leader in waiting

■ At the Conservative conference in Blackpool, all eyes will be on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. John Grigg meets a prime minister in waiting

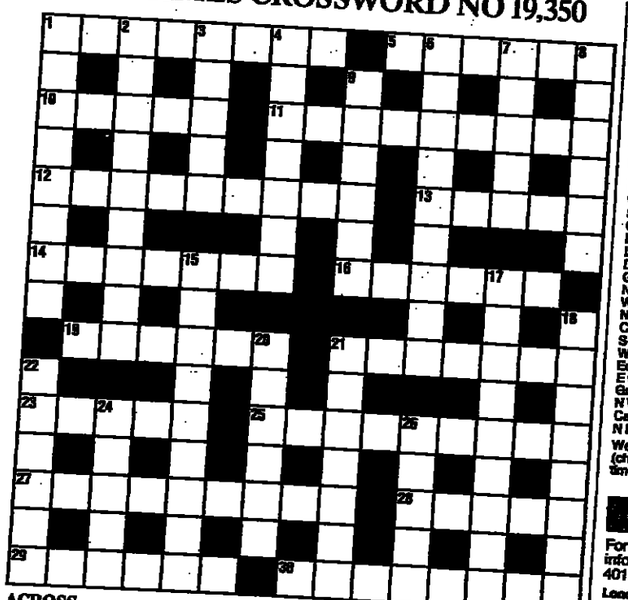
The food of love

■ Hattie Ellis offers recipes for an intimate evening for two, with plenty of time left to concoct the rest of the seduction strategy.

All very surreal

■ Did Salvador Dali write an opera called *Etre Dieu*? A recording of this mysterious work has scenes involving Marilyn Monroe and Catherine the Great

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,350



ACROSS

1 Side path turning into a main road (8).
5 Town and gown (6)
10 Competed in speed with one in the highway (5).
11 About to teach the others self-control (9).
12 A lone crab scuttles round by the sea in Spain (9).
13 Man on board with a gun (5).
14 Cave used as an observation post (4,3)
16 Miracle drug for backside in trouble (6).
19 Functional American fuel product (6)
21 Clergy in session here liaised with unorthodox movement (7).
23 Abraham's birthplace has bar situated in town (5).
25 A cottager going out may wear it (9).
27 ,28 Feathers tipped in blue (4,2,3,5).
29 Suckers in starting price swindles (6).
30 Rides round on whirlwinds (8).

DOWN

1 Head of school caught by mob in disorderly struggle (8).
2 Become liable to debts without interest (9).
3 Field division that may take years to train (5).
4 Publicise wine where it's duty-free (7).
6 Aphrodite's emaciated form (9).
7 Junk food (5).
8 Female articles (6).
9 Property of the Oriental Express (6).
15 Goal likely to appear in breach of the rules (9).
17 Starting place for the three-legged race? (4,2,3).
18 Service initiations (8).
20 Gale blows itself out to a smooth finish (6).
21 View from the flats (7).
22 We'd be lost without them! (6)
24 Man-of-war rounds the point for shelter (5).
26 Descriptive of great sea-power (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,349

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MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Majorca	23	73	f
Alcrdri	27	81	s	Malaga	24	75	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	27	81	s
Algiers	28	79	s	Melb'rne	22	72	c
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Mexico C*	28	82	c
Athens	28	82	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	19	66	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Montreal*	9	48	c
Barcelona	27	81	s	Moscow	1	34	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	14	57	s
Belgrade	12	54	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Berlin	10	50	s	Nice	23	73	s
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	N York*	17	63	s
Borde'x	16	61	f	Nice	19	66	s
Brussels	14	57	f	Oslo	10	50	r
Bucharest	10	50	c	Paris	15	59	s
B Aires*	14	57	s	Peking	22	72	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	14	57	c
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	9	48	f
Chicago*	12	54	r	Reykjavik	10	50	f
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	15	59	f	Rio de J	25	77	s
C'hagen	12	54	f	Riyadh	39	100	s
Corfu	24	75	s	Rome	23	73	s
Dublin	11	52	r	Salzburg	13	55	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S Frisco*	19	66	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	17	63	c
Florence	19	66	f	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	15	59	f	Seoul	19	66	f
Funchal	20	68	f	Sing'por	29	84	t
Geneva	13	55	f	St'kholm	10	50	c
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Strasb'g	16	61	s
Helsinki	7	45	r	Sydney	28	82	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Innsbruck	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	19	66	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	26	79	f
Jo'burg*	28	82	s	Toronto*	26	79	f
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	28	82	s
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	10	50	c
La Tquet	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	27	81	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Venice	16	64	s
Locarno	16	61	s	Vienna	17	63	s
L Angels*	29	68	s	Warsaw	11	52	s
Luxembg	12	54	f	Wash'ton*	7	45	r
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	18	64	f
Madrid	18	64	f		18	81	s

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 90 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.39in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,000.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Invercervie, near Aberdeen, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Scilly, 1.65in; highest sunshine: Wick, northern Scotland, 5hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.7hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.4hr.

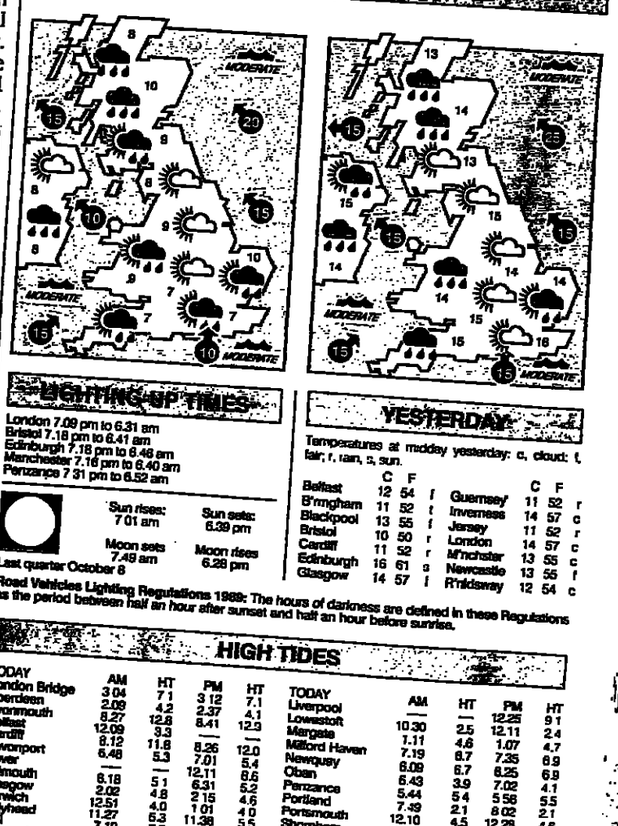
Southern Scotland will start bright while the rest of Scotland will be cloudy with rain or showers. Winds will be strong in northern Scotland with gales in Shetland. Northern Ireland will start bright with patchy fog but will soon be cloudy and showery. Cloud and showers in easternmost England at first will move away. Central areas will start clear with fog patches. Cloud and showers will spread from the west and Wales. Outlook: unsettled.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Anglesey	0.2	0.15	15	59	rain
Aviemore	1.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	0.9	0.05	14	57	rain
Birmingham	0.2	0.03	14	57	rain
Bognor Regis	1.0	0.04	15	59	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.0	0.27	15	59	rain
Bristol	1.7	0.06	15	59	rain
Buxton	-	0.02	12	54	dull
Cardiff	0.3	0.05	14	57	rain
Eastbourne	1.0	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.01	13	55	rain
Exmouth	-	0.18	14	57	rain
Falmouth	-	1.05	13	55	rain
Folkestone	0.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Glasgow	0.3	0.13	13	55	rain
Guernsey	-	0.12	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	0.9	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Jersey	0.8	0.11	15	59	rain
Keele	4.8	-	16	61	bright
Leeds	0.1	0.10	14	57	rain
Lerwick	0.2	0.02	12	54	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.5	0.01	16	61	cloudy
Liverpool	1.5	0.02	15	59	cloudy
London	0.1	0.10	15	59	rain
Manchester	0.3	0.07	15	59	cloudy
Margate	1.8	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	0.6	0.02	16	61	cloudy
Newcastle	-	-	14	57	bright
Newquay	-	0.87	13	55	rain
Nottingham	-	0.06	13	55	rain
Penzance	0.2	1.13	13	55	rain
Plymouth	-	0.57	13	55	gale
Poole	0.5	0.03	15	59	rain
Salcombe	0.2	0.15	15	59	rain
Sandown	0.8	0.18	15	59	cloudy
Scarborough	0.2	0.21	14	57	dull
Scilly Isles	2.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Shanklin	0.4	1.65	12	54	rain
Southend	0.9	0.37	15	59	rain
Southsea	0.9	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Stornoway	0.8	0.10	15	59	rain
Swanage	1.1	0.03	13	55	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.2	0.07	15	59	rain
Tenby	-	0.24	14	57	rain
Tiree	-	0.48	14	57	rain
Torquay	-	0.02	13	55	rain
Weymouth	0.3	0.25	15	59	rain
Wick	0.1	0.35	15	59	rain
	5.0	-	13	55	bright

These are Wednesday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.417	2.517
Austria Sch	18.18	18.68
Belgium Fr	56.56	51.16
Canada $	2.125	1.969
Cyprus Cypt	0.772	0.722
Denmark Kr	10.49	9.88
Finland Mrk	9.35	8.55
France Fr	9.01	8.31
Germany Dm	2.595	2.395
Greece Dr	357.50	342.50
Hong Kong $	12.34	11.34
Ireland Pt	1.098	1.015
Italy Lire	2476.00	2323.00
Japan Yen	176.50	157.00
Malta	0.605	0.550
Netherlands Gld	2.910	2.680
Norway Kr	11.30	10.50
Portugal Esc	262.00	243.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	204.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	12.75	11.80
Switzerland Fr	2.27	2.09
Turkey Lira	18800.00	17800.00
USA $	1.507	1.477

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.09 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 7.18 pm to 6.41 am
Edinburgh 7.18 pm to 6.46 am
Manchester 7.18 pm to 6.40 am
Penzance 7.31 pm to 6.52 am

Sun rises: 7.01 am
Sun sets: 6.39 pm
Moon sets 7.49 am
Moon rises 6.28 pm
Last quarter October 8

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

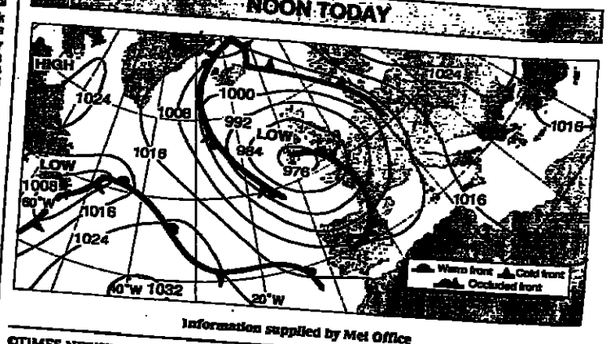
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B'mngham	11	52	f	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	11	52	r
Bristol	10	50	r	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	11	52	r	M'nchster	13	55	c
Edinburgh	16	61	s	Newcastle	13	55	f
Glasgow	14	57	f	R'nldsway	12	54	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3 04	7 1	3 12	7.1
Aberdeen	2.09	4.2	2.37	4.1
Avonmouth	5.27	12.8	8.41	12.9
Belfast	12.09	3.3	—	—
Cardiff	8.12	11.8	8.36	12.0
Devonport	6.48	5.3	7.01	5.4
Dover	—	—	12.11	6.6
Falmouth	6.18	5 1	6.31	5.2
Glasgow	2.02	4.8	2 15	4.6
Harwich	12.51	4.0	1 01	4 0
Holyhead	11.27	6.3	11.38	5.5
Hull	7.19	7.5	7.45	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.01	8.9	7.18	9.0
King's Lynn	7.28	6.5	7.57	6.4
Leith	3.27	5.4	3.57	5.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	—	—	12.25	9 1
Lowestoft	10.30	2.5	12.11	2.4
Margate	1.11	4.6	1.07	4.7
Milford Haven	7.19	8.7	7.35	8.9
Newquay	6.09	6.7	6.25	6.9
Oban	6.43	3.9	7.02	4.1
Penzance	5.44	5.4	5 56	5.5
Portland	7.49	2.1	8.02	2.1
Portsmouth	12.10	4.5	12.28	4.8
Shoreham	12.05	6.0	12.22	5.1
Swansea	—	—	12.07	4.5
Tees	7.32	9.4	7.49	9.5
Wilton-on-Nze	4.34	5.3	4.57	5.1
	12.48	4.2	12.53	4.2

NOON TODAY



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US $ ..... 1.4962 (-0.0143)
German mark .. 2.4443 (+0.0051)
Exchange index ..... 79.7 (-0.2)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3037.5 (+7.4)
Dow Jones ..... 3568.02 (-0.28)*
Nikkei Avge 20105.71 (+28.30)

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London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6 1/16-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3%%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.92-2.90%*
Long Bond 6.02%*

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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
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Close 354.80-355.30
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RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 141.3 August (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price



SIMON WALKER

The CBI says Professor Goode, announcing his report yesterday, has struck a balance between improving the lot of scheme members and employers' interests

Goode's plan for shake-up of pensions wins praise

BY JON ASHWORTH

PLANS for the most sweeping overhaul in the history of UK occupational pensions won praise from almost every corner of the industry yesterday. But some were suprised that the report of the Pension Law Review Committee, under Professor Roy Goode, did not go further.

A new pensions act, backed up by a pensions regulator, was part of a package of proposals unveiled in London yesterday. For the first time, members and pensioners would be protected by a compensation scheme, to be funded by a post-event levy, and would be given a greater say than ever in the running of their affairs.

The proposals hope to pre-empt the need for any compensation payments by requiring schemes to have a minimum solvency requirement of 100 per cent. Any scheme falling below a base level of 90 per cent would have three months in which to correct the shortfall. A five-year transition period would be allowed for schemes to achieve the standard.

As a further safety measure, trustees would be required to furnish an annual certificate of solvency by the scheme actuary, in addition to the full valuation currently required every three and a half years.

In an element of "whistle-blowing", scheme auditors should be statutorily required to report serious or persistent irregularities to the regulator. Members would be granted an annual statement spelling out the level of individual benefits and providing key information about the scheme.

Initial reaction to the proposals was favourable, although there was surprise that the report stopped short of calling for the appointment of independent trustees. The question of what happens to pension rights when couples divorce was not addressed. Neither was there comment on training standards for trustees.

The Confederation of British Industry said the Goode committee had struck the right balance between improving the position of scheme members and the security of benefits on the one hand and the interests of employers on the other. Dick Price, deputy director general, said: "The report promises to be good news for employers, for employees, for pensioners and for all those looking to occupational pensions to provide a secure income in retirement."

The National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) welcomed most of the report and urged government to respond quickly. The NAPF believes compulsory training for trustees has a role to play, and would prefer pension fund assets to have to be placed with authorised custodians.

John Cunliffe, pensions partner at McKenna & Co, the solicitor, said: "The danger of over-regulation has been heeded. This is very good news for British industry."

But Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the UK's largest pension and employee benefits consultancy, said: "A major opportunity has been lost to make radical — and much needed — changes to current pension law. We are not convinced there is any real core change to prevent another Maxwell."

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Names issue twin threat to Lloyd's rescue talks

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The entire settlement process could collapse two months before compensation offers are made, if the action groups pull out at next week's meeting

LLOYD'S of London faces a crisis on two fronts after two leading action groups, representing the market's hardest-hit names, threatened to *pull out of rescue talks* aimed at averting litigation. The threat was issued two days after Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said he would resign if names did not support the introduction of corporate members, vital for the survival of the 305-year-old insurance market.

Feltrim Names Association and Gooda Walker Action Group, which between them represent more than 4,000 litigating names, could wreck attempts by Lloyd's to avoid lengthy court battles by negotiating settlements with more than 30 action groups.

Mr Middleton is due to meet the chairmen of the two action groups on Monday to try to win their continued support for the settlement process, which has been worked on for the past four months. If the groups pull out, the process could collapse, two months before names are expected to receive compensation offers. Mr Middleton said: "There is a problem and we will find a solution." In May, Lloyd's brought in Sir *Michael Kerr, a former Lord* Justice of Appeal, and Sir Jeremy Morse, a former chairman of Lloyds Bank, to help reach a negotiated settlement. Sir Michael heads a legal panel that is trying to assess the relative strengths of the various legal claims. More than 30 action groups are suing, or threatening to sue, their agents to recover losses running into billions of pounds. More than 17,000 Lloyd's names are members of *litigating action groups.*

A financial panel, chaired by Sir Jeremy, is calculating how much money is available in errors and omissions insurance — cover for the market's professionals — to meet the claims. It is hoped that their findings will make possible an orderly matching of claims with funds available, leading to offers to names next month.

It is said that the handling of the process by the legal panel is central to the action groups' concerns. In a letter to Mr Middleton, Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents more than 2,500 litigating names, outlined various problems. He is thought to have highlighted the fear *that Sir Michael is neither* taking into account the strength of a report on the loss-making Gooda Walker syndicates, nor giving much weight to the continuing Serious Fraud Office investigation into the syndicates' affairs.

The Gooda Walker report, published in April and written by Ken Randall, a former head of regulation at Lloyd's, revealed an excessive use of specialist reinsurance contracts, thus inflatiing syndicate profits or eliminating losses. Gooda Walker Action Group maintains that the report lends weight to its claims, particularly as hundreds of names flocked to join the syndicates on the back of the inflated profits.

Gooda Walker and Feltrim names are among the 100 people getting legal aid to fund litigation for compensation.

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Forte disappoints over Harvester

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

FORTE, the international hotels and restaurants group, disappointed the City yesterday by saying it was still seeking a buyer for its 80-strong chain of Harvester restaurants.

Analysts had been hoping it would announce the disposal of the company, which has been for sale for more than six months, when it unveiled its *interim results.* Despite a doubling of profits, Forte's share price fell 10p to 227p.

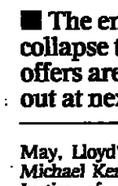
The sale of Harvester is part of a wide-ranging disposal programme which Forte hopes will raise £500 million over the next two years to help reduce net borrowings of £1.3 billion.

Rocco Forte, the chairman, remained defiant about what some critics see as the group's slow progress in selling its non-core businesses: "We are in no great hurry. The important thing is to secure the right price."

He refused to disclose the price wanted for Harvester, but analysts believe it exceeds £100 million.

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Don't succumb to the China syndrome



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Things are a bit dull these days in world financial markets. Currencies are generally in reasonable alignment. Considering the prospects of still lower interest rates, stock markets are not yet particularly overvalued, despite the widespread talk of another 1987-style crash. Where should investors who like excitement turn for their next financial kicks?

For many the answer is "emerging markets". The stock markets of Asia and Latin America can offer annual returns of 30 per cent and more as they graduate through the phases of economic development from rubber shoes to microelectronics. But there is one commodity that emerging economies are even better at producing than plastic flowers, personal computers and profits for foreign investors — and that is speculative bubbles. If emerging markets turn out to be the next source of excitement in the world of high finance, then the next big "discontinuity" may well come on what professionals call the "short side". To put it more bluntly, if you are looking for the next great crash, perhaps you should raise your sights from the Footsie, Tokyo, or Wall Street, and think about the Third World. The best place to start is the biggest, and most furiously touted, emerging market — China, including its future dependency of Hong Kong.

I claim no detailed knowledge of either of these economies, and even if I were an expert on China, I could not hope to summarise the economic pros and cons of investment in that vast country in a short column like this. A few words should, however, suffice to sound some obvious warnings that seem to have been left out of the many investment analyses on Hong Kong and China that have crossed my desk.

First, China has been trying for six months to slow down a wildly overheated economy that has subjected the country to rapid inflation and *serious* social tensions. In the history of capitalism, there have been very few cases of governments managing to deflate great asset inflations without triggering a stock market and property crash. I realise that the Chinese communist party has shown great skill in managing a proto-capitalist economy (certainly, as I wrote last week, ruthless totalitarian communists seem much better at introducing capitalism than cuddly political liberals such as Gorbachev and Yeltsin). Nevertheless, it seems inherently implausible that the Chinese central bank, acting through a primitive financial system, will manoeuvre the economy into a "soft landing", when the skilful technicians at the Federal Reserve Board, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan so signally failed.

Second, there is the political point, which was underlined by Peking's failure to host the 2000 Olympics. China is still a communist totalitarian country with no foreseeable prospect of change. Its record on human rights, at least as the term is understood by Western liberal nations, is appalling, and its economy is likely to be subject to all kinds of politically motivated sanctions, especially from America, in the years ahead.

Third, there is the relationship between China and Hong Kong. The tiny stock markets within China have actually crashed already, in response to the mere expectation of the tightening of monetary policy that began this year. Hong Kong, on the other hand, has gone from strength to strength. Among the many arguments given for the strength of the Hong Kong market is its cheap valuation, relative to markets in other developing ocuntries, as well as the industrialsied world. But what people forget is that in putting money into the Hang Seng index, they are not buying a potentially endless stream of Hong Kong earnings. In less than four years time, Hong Kong will become part of China. The investor in equities or property on the island is buying less than four years of earnings and non-communist ownership in Hong Kong.

Finally, there is contrarian psychology, which in this case I feel is the clincher. Amid all the jeremiads about a collapse on *Wall Street* or in London, I have not heard of a single serious investor express concern, either publicly or in private, about the Chinese asset bubble and the possibility of a crash in Hong Kong. Could this be a chance to steal a march on George Soros?

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THE GOODE REPORT ON PENSION LAW REFORM

A charter to protect every worker's pension

■ Professor Roy Goode's long-awaited report on pension law reform was published yesterday after 15 months of deliberation and nearly 1,700 submissions.
■ The proposals, if adopted, herald a new era of security for members of occupational pension schemes, cemented by a new Pensions Act and a Pensions Regulator with powers to launch spot-checks on schemes and monitor solvency more closely.
■ A compensation scheme would be formed to guard against the threat of theft or fraud. Key findings are summarised below



The fight to prevent pensions fraud has led to the Goode report recommending that the regulator be empowered to carry out spot checks

Legal framework
☐ An Occupational Pension Schemes Act should be enacted to lay out a properly structured framework of rights and duties, and a Pensions Regulator should be appointed with responsibility for the regulation of occupational pension schemes.
☐ Trust law is broadly satisfactory and should continue to provide foundation for interests, rights and duties arising in relation to pension schemes. But some principles of trust law require modification in their application to pensions.
☐ Some shift in the permitted distribution of powers is necessary. In particular, scheme members should be protected against adverse amendment of scheme rules affecting rights in relation to accrued service. They should have a non-excludable right to participate in scheme management and decision making through membership of the board of trustees (except in small schemes). They should be given information in understandable form and the ability to obtain further information on request.
☐ There should be a move towards more general statements of principle in the primary legislation and a reduction in the amount of detailed prescription.
☐ Government departments have made progress in simplifying official forms and reducing numbers in use. A similar approach should be taken on statutory and other rules affecting pension schemes.
☐ It is better to have relatively few rules which are vigorously enforced than a proliferation of regulations which are regularly broken through want of adequate monitoring and enforcement.

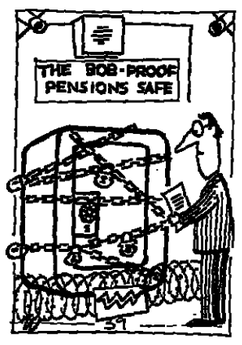
Surplus
☐ Sweeping changes in the law governing surplus are not needed but more restrictions should be imposed on payments to the employer.
☐ Payments to the employer should not be permitted unless authorised by the trust deed or by an amendment made pursuant to a modification order by the Pensions Regulator. Even where the trust deed or any amendment to it permits payments to be made to the employer and there is an adequate margin, the approval of the regulator should be required. This should be given only in strictly defined circumstances.
☐ Where the trust deed does not allow for payments to be made to the employer, there should in addition be a requirement that the employer notify scheme members to enable them to make representations to the regulator, and should state the reasons why the regulator should allow payment to be made.
☐ In balance of cost earnings-related schemes, the employer should remain free to take contribution holidays within the limits of scheme rules. However, there should be no contribution holiday for either employer or employees if as a result the funding level would fall below the 100 per cent minimum solvency level recommended later.
☐ The five years allowed under Inland Revenue rules for the elimination of excess surplus by contribution holiday should be extended to the average length of future service of active members subject to a maximum 15 years.

Minimum solvency requirement
☐ The introduction of a minimum solvency requirement for all funded schemes is necessary to secure the pension rights of members.
☐ We envisage a solvency band between the minimum solvency standard of 100 per cent and a base level of 90 per cent. Any scheme which fell below this base level would require an immediate injection of funds within three months of receipt of notification from the actuary of the deficiency (or such longer period as the regulator might allow) to bring it up to the base level, failing which the trustees would be required to recover the necessary funds from the employer.
☐ If, 14 days after the expiry of the required period, the employer has failed to inject the funds, the trustees should notify scheme members.
☐ If the trustees were unable or unwilling to recover the funds, the regulator should be empowered to take whatever remedial measures appropriate. If the regulator decided to wind up the scheme it should be for him or her to decide whether to invoke the debt on employer provisions immediatley or defer.
☐ All schemes subject to the minimum solvency requirements would have to establish and keep in place a funding plan adhering to not less than 100 per cent. In the event of any drop below this, but at or above the base, the trustees should submit a business plan to the regulator providing for restoration of the fund to 100 per cent within three years.
☐ The trustees and scheme actuary should be under a duty to report any shortfall to the regulator as soon as they become aware of it.
☐ A five-year transition period should be allowed for schemes to achieve the (minimum solvency) standard. The regulator might be given a power to allow schemes extra time to reach the standard.
☐ Problems may arise from the relative infrequency of the current full actuarial valuation. To address this, the trustees should be required to furnish an annual certificate of solvency by the scheme actuary in addition to the full valuation. The certificate could be a simple statement that the current level of the scheme's assets is not less than 100 per cent of its liabilities.

Trustees
☐ The scheme auditor and actuary should not be allowed to act as trustees and it should be good practice to exclude the scheme administrator.
☐ Employers should not have the sole power to appoint trustees, and should not be required to appoint pensioner trustees but should be encouraged to consider including them on the board.
☐ For earnings-related schemes (excluding small schemes), active members should be entitled to appoint from among their number at least one-third of the trustees, with a minimum of two, and the employer should be entitled to appoint the remainder.
☐ For money purchase schemes (excluding small schemes), active members should be entitled to appoint from among their number at least two-thirds of the trustees, with a minimum of two, and the employer should be entitled to appoint the remainder.

Compensation Scheme
☐ A compensation scheme should be established to protect members against the defaults of those dealing with the pension fund assets.
☐ The scheme should be limited to loss resulting from fraud, theft and other misappropriation.
☐ Where employees' contributions have not been paid into the pension scheme, but have been set aside as an identifiable fund and dishonestly applied by the employer for some purpose of its own, they should be treated as if they were pension fund assets for the purpose of the compensation scheme.
☐ All funded occupational pension schemes should come within the protection offered by the compensation scheme. Insured schemes should not be excluded.
☐ Compensation should be paid as a lump sum, the amount to be based on the lower of lost assets or the amount of the scheme deficit.
☐ An independent Pension Compensation Board should be established which would have the sole right to decide whether the compensation scheme should be triggered in any particular case.
☐ Where the pension compensation board considers there is strong evidence of loss through fraud, theft or misappropriation of assets, the board should have power to make such interim payments as it saw fit before reaching a final decision about the level of compensation to be paid. The board should be able to reduce or withhold compensation payments in any case where it was not satisfied that the trustees were taking reasonable steps to recoup losses.
☐ On the bankruptcy or winding up of the employer where the scheme is in deficit, the regulator should be able to apply to the court for orders requiring information about the scheme from those thought likely to posses it.
☐ There should be no limit on the amount of compensation as such, but compensation should be limited to the lesser of 90 per cent of the value of the misappropriated assets and 90 per cent of the amount of the scheme deficit.
☐ The compensation board should have the power to determine how payment to a scheme should be used, and in particular should be able to require payment is distributed in a manner different from that provided by the scheme's priority rule.
☐ Since there is sufficient community of interest between occupational schemes, the costs of the compensation scheme should be imposed on schemes generally, rather than on the taxpayer.
☐ The compensation scheme should be funded by a post-event levy on all schemes, in proportion to the value of the liabilities which they are required to fund for the purpose of minimum solvency requirements.

Dispute resolution
☐ All schemes other than small schemes should establish a formal internal disputes procedure of a nature approved by the regulator.
☐ There should be sufficient financial support given to the occupational pensions advisory service to enable it to employ paid conciliation staff.



☐ The Ombudsman should not be replaced by a tribunal. Instead the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman should be extended to include disputes between employer and trustees or among trustees.
☐ The Ombudsman should be able to direct that compensation payments should include a reasonable sum to reflect any distress, delay and inconvenience caused, as well as actual financial loss.

Pensions regulator
☐ The Pensions Act will need to be supplemented with other measures, including codes of practice.
☐ Codes of practice should provide a useful supplement to regulation in such matters as disclosure of information. There may be a case for a code of practice issued by the regulator under statutory authority, compliance with which would *prima facie* be a defence to a complaint of breach of statutory duty, whilst infringement of the code would be *prima facie* evidence of a breach of statutory duty.
☐ It is important that the regulator be given both the power and the resources to carry out spot checks and detailed investigations independently of any complaint ...to act as a deterrent to improper conduct.
☐ The regulator's task should be to ensure that security is not put at risk and that management systems are sound.
☐ The office of regulator should be held on a full-time basis by an individual who has a detailed understanding of the working of pension schemes. The new regulator should replace the OPB.
☐ There should be an advisory committee to support the Regulator.

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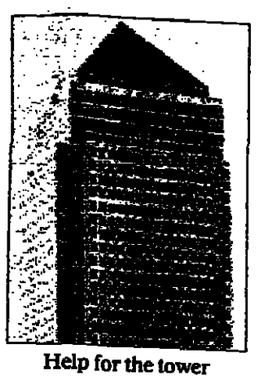
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Help for the tower

Creditors approve Canary Wharf rescue

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A £1.1 BILLION rescue package for London's troubled Canary Wharf docklands development has been approved by its 1,400 unsecured creditors who have agreed to accept a maximum dividend of 15p in the pound and allow the project to come out of administration.

At a meeting called by the administrators yesterday, the creditors, mainly construction companies, agreed to the terms of a refinancing deal hammered out with Canary Wharf's bankers. Their agreement, which is still subject to court approval at the end of this month, means that the Jubilee Line extension will go ahead, with work likely to begin as early as next month.

Fewer than 100 creditors attended the meeting and all of those voted in favour of the company voluntary arrangements for the five main Canary Wharf companies. Proxy votes from two creditors representing £53,000 of the total estimated £110 million to £149 million owed are understood to have been received against the arrangements, while those representing £109.8 million were in favour.

Stephen Adamson, one of the joint administrators and a partner of accountants Ernst & Young, said: "After protracted and complex negotiations with numerous parties we believe this is the best deal for the unsecured creditors who would otherwise have received nothing."

Of the 1,400 creditors, 130 will receive an additional 25p in the pound. These are trade creditors who were required to provide warranties on work already done.

When the project comes out of administration, it will be reorganised under a parent company controlled by its banks. Iain Cheyne, the Lloyds Bank's general manager of corporate banking, who led the talks with the administrators on behalf of Canary Wharf's 12 bankers, said: "We are very pleased that there has been a vote in favour, and a very good vote in favour."

Germany builds stronger Redland

BY CARL MORTISHED

REDLAND, the building materials group, made interim pre-tax profits of £108 million, up 22 per cent, on the strength of the boom in Germany's housing market.

Post-reunification demand for housing from immigrants in the West and reconstruction work in east Germany helped to boost Redland's operating profits by 45 per cent to £85 million in the six months to June 30.

The burgeoning demand for roof tiles in Germany failed to lift earnings per share, which fell 5 per cent to 11p. Redland issued about £600 million worth of shares to buy Steetley, the brick maker, last year and the enlarged share capital is holding back per share growth. Redland's interim dividend stays at 8.25p but shareholders are again offered an enhanced scrip dividend alternative.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd is bidding for the scrip shares, giving takers of the same an opportunity to convert them into cash. Valued at 12.375p, the scrip dividend represents a premium of 50 per cent to the cash dividend, and BZW's offer is for a minimum price of 12.1275p per share.

Robert Napier, chief executive of Redland, said the company would save £12 million in Advance Corporation Tax if all holders took up the offer and about £50 million in cash. Mr Napier expects demand in Germany to continue and the company has built three plants in eastern Germany to service demand for building materials. He forecasts that an 18 per cent rise in German building permits in the first 8 months of this year will translate into a 9 per cent increase in new-building roofing in the second half of this year. "The west German housing market has missed the recession," he said.

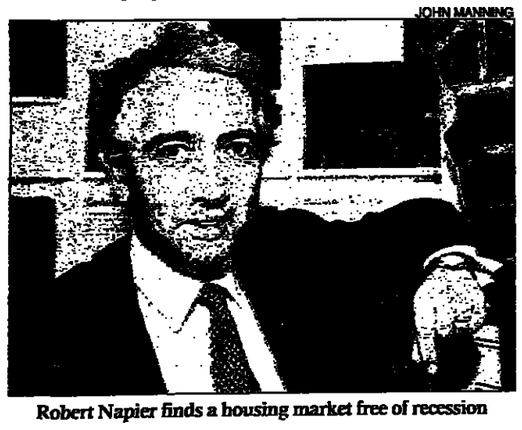
The outlook is less rosy elsewhere in Europe. French profits collapsed to £1.7 million (£4 million) and Mr Napier says recovery there depends on the implementation of the Balladur package.

In the UK, profits rose to £14 million (£11 million) after the merger with Steetley. The UK brick mountain is being eroded by destocking and Redland is hoping to raise prices by 5 per cent in November. Redland's brick stocks have been cut in the first half and the destocking is expected to continue, with production forecast to fall 70 million below expected sales of 500 million this year.

Redland's interest charge soared to £19 million (£6.7 million) as £295 million of Steetley's borrowings were incorporated. Group borrowings were £641 million at end-June, for gearing of 39 per cent. Disposals totalling £180 million over the last year, months, and the scrip dividend, are expected to cut net debt by year-end.

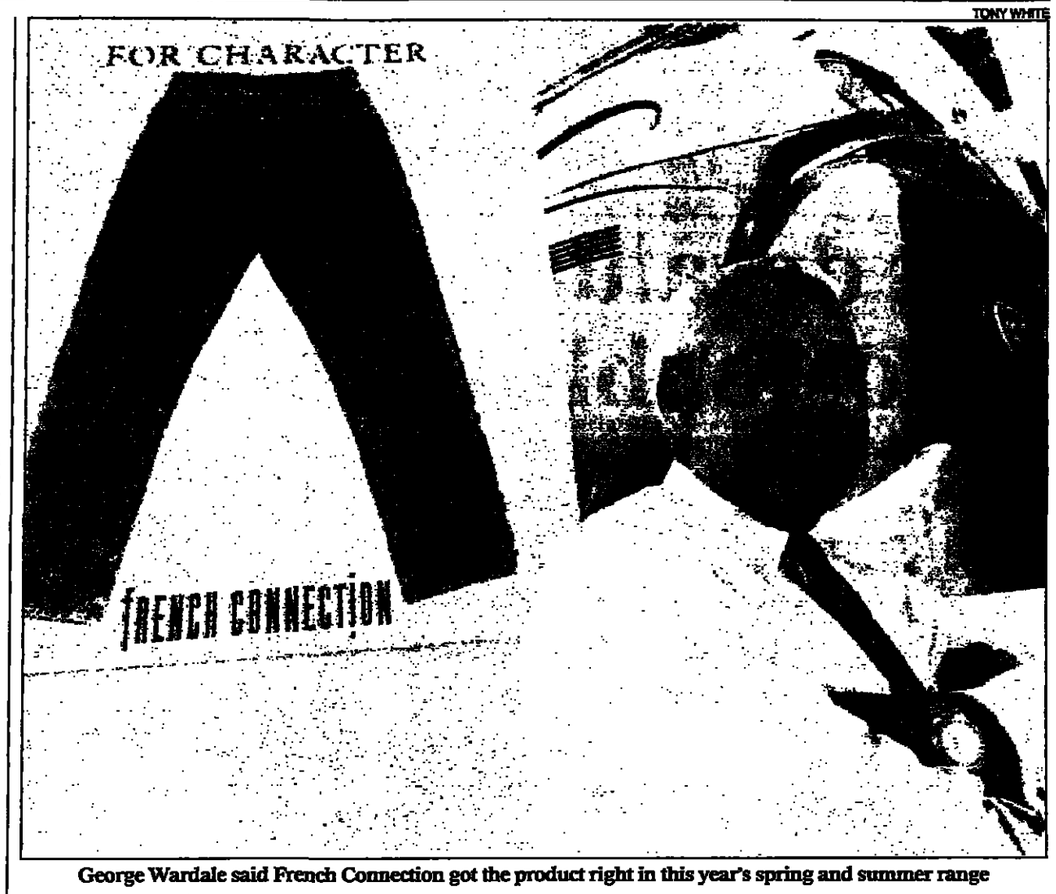
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JOHN MANNING



Robert Napier finds a housing market free of recession

TONY WHITE



George Wardale said French Connection got the product right in this year's spring and summer range

French Connection back into black

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A SUCCESSFUL spring and summer range helped push French Connection, the USM-quoted clothing wholesaler and retailer, back into the black at the half year stage.

A pre-tax loss of £800,000 was turned into a £2.0 million profit for the six months to July 31 on sales up from £22.5 million to £30.6 million. George Wardale, chairman, said: "The fashion business is all about product. If you get the product right you can get very big returns, and that's what we have done."

Much of the rise in turnover was attributable to the group's eight US stores, which lifted sales from £5.0 million to £10.8 million. Two more outlets will be opened this year. Sales rose by £1.0 million to £8.0 million in Britain and margins were improved despite heavy price discounting on the high street. Two stores are planned bringing total outlets to 29.

Although the group is now on a firmer footing, Mr Wardale said it is too early to resume dividends in the coming year. "We just have not got the cash and we still don't have the cumulative profits."

But he is confident about second half prospects.

☐ An optimistic note was sounded at Jacques Vert's annual meeting with trading well up on last year. Alan Green and Jack Cynamon, joint chairmen, said retailing and manufacturing were ahead of budget and the womenswear group's second half looks as encouraging.

DuPont cutting 1,200 jobs to stem losses

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DUPONT is to cut 1,200 jobs in the European nylon manufacturing business acquired from ICI in an asset swap three months ago. Almost 900 of the job cuts will be in Britain.

DuPont said that the action was necessary to stem losses, which amounted to £21 million in the first half.

A further capacity review is seeking ways to restore the profitability of the business, which employs 7,500 people across the continent.

DuPont announced 1,600 job cuts in its American nylon business two weeks ago.

Patrick Mackey, director of DuPont's nylon operations in Europe, blamed a structural shift in demand, as well as recession, for a 20 per cent fall in nylon prices in 24 months.

DuPont has concluded that European production costs must be cut to halt growing penetration by imports from the Far East and the substitution of cheaper polypropylene for nylon by users. The company's two biggest European rivals, SNIA, of Italy, and Rhône-Poulenc, of France, are to merge their nylon activities in response to the downturn, with rationalisation expected.

Alan Titus, managing director of DuPont Nylon, Europe, said: "The marketplace has changed dramatically in a very short period of time."

DuPont's cuts are designed to reduce by about 20 per cent its capacity in textile nylon. Production is at only 60 per cent of potential. However, DuPont insisted that nylon remained a core business.

The biggest job losses, some 400, will occur at Pontypool, in south Wales, where the nylon filament plant will close by the end of the year and the polyester filament plant will be restructured.

At Gloucester, 250 jobs will go in rationalisation of filament production, and 150 jobs will be lost at Doncaster through DuPont's withdrawal from production of carpet staple fibre. Another 60 jobs will be lost at Wilton.

In Germany, 220 jobs will go in cutbacks at the Oestringen plant.

Eighty jobs in sales and similar activities will be shed across the business.

The company said that it will deal with job elimination through voluntary separation and redeployment where possible. However, compulsory redundancy would probably be required at some sites.

DuPont's global nylon business, created in May, has a workforce of 21,000.

Independent distillery bought by GrandMet

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GRAND Metropolitan, the international food and drinks company yesterday snapped up the last independent whisky distillery in Scotland to secure supplies for J&B, its leading scotch whisky brand.

IDV, GrandMet's drinks arm, is joining up with Robertson & Baxter, another Scottish distiller, to buy the North British Distillery in an agreed bid which values the company at £84 million.

The two purchasers, which already control more than 38 per cent of North British, are to set up a new 50:50 joint venture company, Lothian Distillers to buy up the remaining shares for about £52 million. It is estimated the deal will cost GrandMet some £37 million as it is currently has a 6 per cent stake.

IDV and R&B already buy some 60 per cent of North British's production, but the two sides said the latest deal would secure supplies of quality whisky blends for J&B, Cutty Sark and Famous Grouse.

Analysts welcomed the move as GrandMet, unlike rival drinks groups Guinness and Allied-Lyons, does not own a grain distillery.

City scores first in results derby

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

FIRST blood in a different Manchester football derby went to City yesterday. For the first time, the unquoted club at the centre of takeover speculation issued its yearly trading results via the London Stock Exchange — four days ahead of its publicly quoted rival, United.

The results were good. The boys from Maine Road revealed record trading profits of £2.3 million, before player transfers, for the year to May 30, compared with just £800,000 last time.

It was also a neat riposte to Manchester United's European Cup glory the previous night, which saw United go forward to the next round after beating Kispest-Honved, the Hungarian champions, at Old Trafford. It would appear that Manchester City — chaired by Peter Swales, who has 38 per cent of the equity, and who is also chairman of the Football Association's international committee — took the unprecedented step of turning its annual statement into a formal Stock Exchange announcement because of the takeover speculation. City's shares are normally traded on a matched bargain basis. They are currently believed to be changing hands at about £20 each.

In another dig at the club's rivals, Mr Swales declared: "No dividend is being recommended and this continues our policy of making trading profits to be invested in the team and the stadium." He assured shareholders that "no formal proposals" had been received on a possible offer for the club. The board was "taking steps to contact interested parties" to see if any sort of offer was on the table.

This was taken to be a reference to a consortium headed by Francis "Franny" Lee, a former City player, who is understood to want to buy the club.

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, in a fine show of Square Mile neutrality, is representing both Manchester clubs.

☐ An independent survey by Touche Ross, the accountancy firm, points out that nine out of ten English football clubs omit the value of their playing squads from their balance sheets. With clubs "increasingly turning to banks — and shareholders — for vital investment," the firm says, "they could project a much more commercial image by valuing their playing squad as an asset".

BUSINESS BRIEF

Gas shares generate £95,000 for director

A MAIN board director of British Gas and his wife are £94,950 richer after selling shares he bought at a 33 per cent discount to the market price as part of an executive share option package. The profit, before transaction costs, made by Howard Dalton, managing director, exploration and production, and his wife comes two weeks after the sale of shares under the company's executive share option scheme by Norman Blacker, managing director, regional services.

Mr Dalton bought 90,429 shares at an exercise price of 221p and transferred 45,000 to his wife, retaining the balance for himself. They both then sold their shares at 326p a share. The deal leaves Mr Dalton with no currently exercisable share options. The options were granted three years ago.

Bundesbank changeover

HANS Tietmeyer today moves up from deputy to president of the Bundesbank, but few central bank watchers expect that his elevation to the top job to herald a new dawn in Germany's tight monetary policy. Despite his close contacts with politicians, having long served as a top civil servant in the economics ministry in Bonn, and as economic summit sherpa, Herr Tietmeyer is a man firmly committed to keeping the mark stable. His term of office runs to 1999.

Managers buy Peverel

MCCARTHY & Stone, the retirement home specialist, is selling its Peverel companies, which own most of the group's fixed freehold and leasehold reversionary investments, for £30.7 million. The companies are being sold to the existing management team, which is financed by Electra Private Equity Partners. Certain directors will hold a total stake of 5 per cent in the new company, which will continue to be known as Peverel to its residents.

US partner for UDM

THE Union of Democratic Mineworkers has reached agreement for Jim Walter Resources, the American mining group, to join a consortium to bid for British Coal assets when privatisation begins next spring. The UDM consortium includes Eastern Electricity and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. JWR, which is not in dispute with the United Mineworkers of America union, claims productivity of 17 tonnes a man shift, about twice the British Coal average.

BSM on brink of listing

BSM Group, Britain's biggest driving school operator, yesterday published the pathfinder prospectus for its planned full listing on the London Stock Exchange. The group, which was the subject of a management buyout in 1990, and which has 2,000 franchised instructors operating a 134-branch network, is planning a placing and intermediaries offer. In its last full trading year, BSM made operating profits of £4.1 million, roughly the same as the year before.

Royal Bank to sell Tilney

ROYAL Bank of Scotland is to sell its Charterhouse Tilney private client business to a buyout team led by John Mitchell, the stockbroker's managing director, for £5.5 million. George Mathewson, RBS chief executive, said that the sale was in line with RBS policy of focusing on commercial banking and insurance. Charterhouse Tilney, manager of £3.8 billion, will be called Tilney & Co, its name before its 1986 acquisition by Charterhouse, of which RBS sold 90.1 per cent in July.

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Lasmo and Enterprise gain as Opec deal lifts oil sector

SHARES enjoyed modest gains, with fund managers window dressing as the third quarter drew to a close.

Many managers have been busy this week tidying portfolios — cutting some positions and topping up others.

However, overall demand remained low, with several big agency crosses and a programme trade artificially swelling the number of shares traded to 694 million.

The FT-SE 100 index, up 13 points before lunch, lost ground as Wall Street opened lower, but regained some composure, aided by new-time demand for the account starting next week and renewed buying of the future. It closed 7.4 up, at 3,037.5.

The oil sector drew strength from the latest Opec agreement holding production levels for the next six months, through to March. Share prices climbed steadily higher on a firmer crude price.

Lasmo firmed 2p to 145p as a line of 7.5 million shares went through the market at 143½p. **Enterprise Oil** rose 17p, to 458p, after positive recommendations from Warburg Securities and Nomura. There is also talk that the group may be ready again to hit the acquisition trail. In the past, its name has been linked with **Monument Oil and Gas**, ¼p lighter at 52¼p.

Others to make headway included **BP**, up 8p to 324p, **Exploration Company of Louisiana**, up 6p to 40p, **Hardy Oil**, up 4p to 167p, and **Shell**, up 5p to 670p.

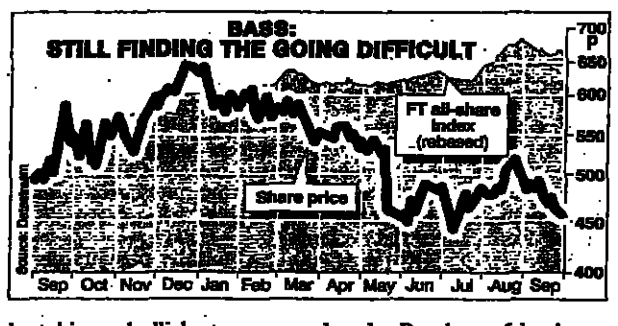
British Steel climbed 4p to 128¼p as the stockbroker Societie Generale Strauss Turnbull doubled its pre-tax profit forecast for 1994 to £250 million, arguing that current conditions will enable the group to push through price rises, with a drop in the price of iron ore countering currency fluctuations. Strauss is sticking with its forecast for this year of £50 million.

Inchcape fell 12p to 515p as the stockbroker Robert Fleming adjusted its profit estimates.

James Capel is reckoned to be taking a bullish stance on power generators. **National Power** added 7p at 393p, **PowerGen** 7½p at 427½p, and **Scottish Power** 8p at 382p.

Smith New Court, the broker, jumped 10p to 334p, with a line of about 2.5 million reported to have changed hands. By close of business, 5.3 million shares had been traded.

The USM-listed **Ticketing Group** was steady at 2¼p as a line of 40 million shares went through the market. The shares belonged to a director, Clive Ng, a Malaysian businessman. It reduces his holding to 53 million shares, or 6.3 per cent.



Redland responded to better than expected figures with a rise of 9p to 564p, but **British Airways** fell 7p to 358p after learning of disappointing trading losses from USAir, in which it owns a 25 per cent stake.

Grand Metropolitan extended its run of deals this week by announcing the acquisition of the North British Distillery Company for £84 million as part of a joint venture with Robertson & Baxter. North British provides cooperage, bonded storage and transport for the drinks industry. Its biggest shareholder is Robertson & Baxter, which in turn is 35 per cent owned by **Highland Distilleries**, 4p down at 334p. R&B and Grand Met already own 38 per cent of North British. Grand Met ended 3p firmer at 419p.

Bass eased 4p to 456p after warning brokers that the recovery was likely to be slow, with trading conditions difficult. Margins stayed under pressure in the brewing division, in spite of volume rising 0.5 per cent when the rest of the market had fallen 2 per cent. Profits of the Britvic soft drinks division had fallen 20 per cent after rationalisation totalling £6 million.

Forte touched 226p before ending 7p cheaper, at 230p, after reporting interim pre-tax profit up from £19 million to £37 million. The group said that any recovery is likely to be gradual and fragile. Analysts moved quickly to downgrade profit estimates for the full year after a meeting with the company. The news from Forte dragged **Ladbroke** 7p lower at 185p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** enjoyed a firm start and made several abortive attempts at breaching the £113½ resistence mark. Prices later boiled over, closing near overnight levels, with the December **long gilt** finishing a tick lower at £113⁷/₃₂ as 44,000 contracts were completed. In cash, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** was three ticks better at £117³/₈. At the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 rose £¹/₁₆ to £112²³/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK

Wentworth calls for £9.5m

Wentworth International, the small plastic packaging products group, has announced a £9.5 million 7-for-2 rights issue at 2.75p a share as part of a complex refinancing.

The proceeds of the cash call will go towards repaying bank borrowings. Wentworth also disclosed that in the year to end-March its pre-tax losses deepened to £5.39 million against £4.04 million last time. There is no dividend (nil).

Arcon sure

Arcon International Resources, the Irish minerals group, is confident its Galmoy zinc project in Ireland will be one of the largest zinc mines in Europe with an annual output of more than 70,000 tonnes. An exceptional I£775,000 write-off of an investment in Alaska leaves Arcon with a net loss of I£1.37 million (I£418,000 net loss), for the six months ended February 28.

Eleco loss

Eleco Holdings was hit in the year ended June 30 by further provisions against property development, rationalisation costs and weak trading. Continuing operations made a £1.82 million loss (£750,000 profit). Accounting changes distort the pre-tax results which show a £4.8 million loss (restated £6.1 million loss). There is no dividend for the 1993 year (3.3p).

Sherwood dips

Sherwood Group, the lace and garment company, blames poor trading conditions on the Continent for the fall in interim pre-tax profits to £7.76 million (£8.18 million) in the period ended July 2. Turnover rose to £69.7 million (£66 million), and the interim dividend is increased to 1p (0.9p).

HSBC stake

HSBC Holdings, the international banking group that owns Midland Bank, is to take a 10 per cent stake in Banco O'Higgins, Chile's third largest bank. **Tempus, page 29**

Direct Line

Peter Wood is the chief executive of Direct Line, the insurance subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland, and not David Wood as reported in a picture caption yesterday.

Pound's devaluation helps Forte to doubled profits

By Susan Gilchrist

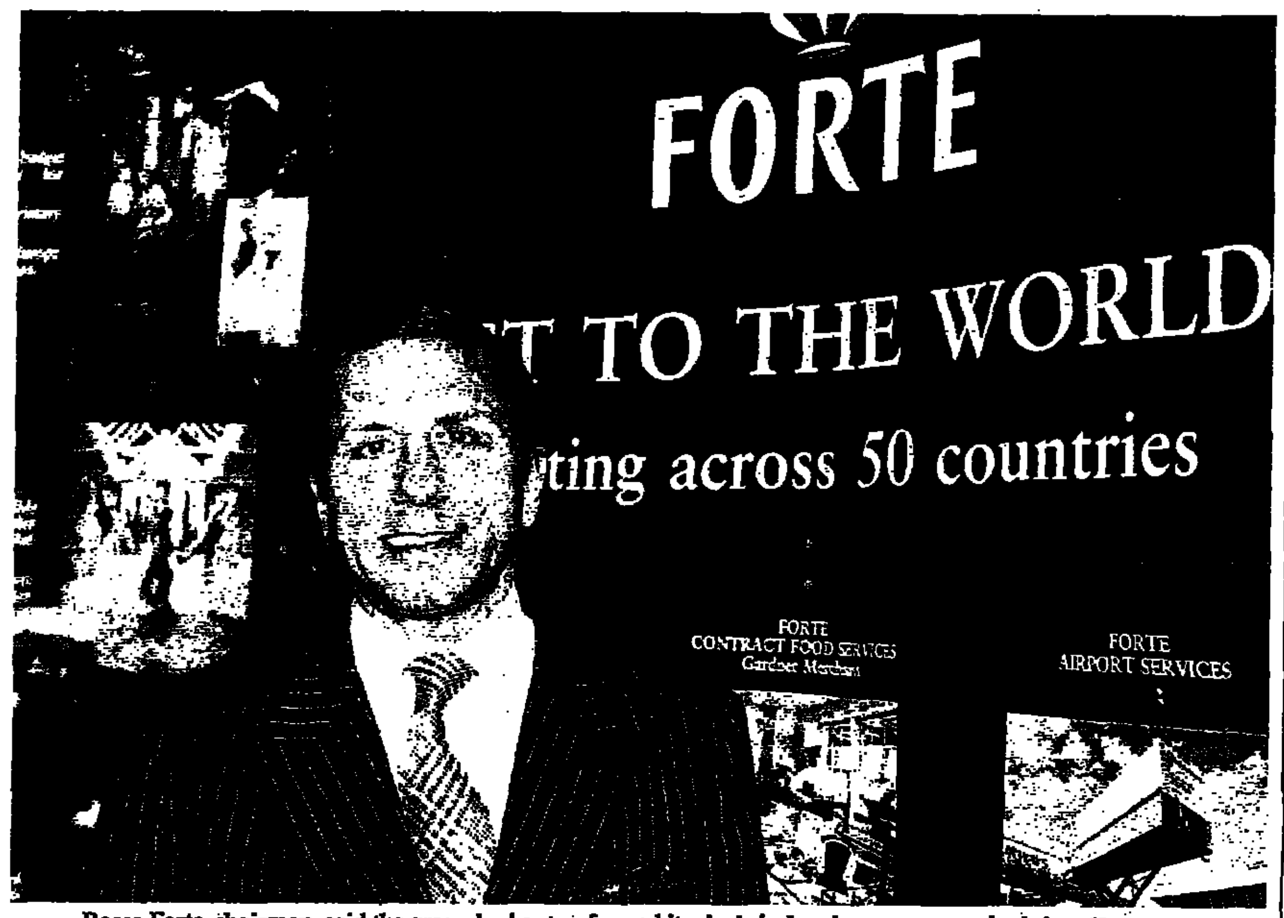
FORTE, Britain's biggest hotel group, doubled profits at the interim stage, owing to a strong rise in the number of guests at its London hotels. However, Rocco Forte, chairman, said that any recovery would be "gradual and fragile".

Despite depressed trading conditions, pre-tax profits were up by 95 per cent, from £19 million to £37 million, for the six months to July 31. The dividend is held at 2.75p.

Worldwide hotel profits were up 8 per cent, from £40 million to £43 million. Mr Forte said the group outperformed its competitors in the London hotel market, with profits up 28 per cent. Sterling's devaluation had attracted more overseas visitors to the capital, and marketing, particularly in America, had helped to lift occupancy levels by 11 per cent. Turnover of provincial hotels was static, though Mr Forte said demand had picked up in the past eight weeks.

Trading was very weak in Europe, with like-for-like sales down by 7 per cent and no sign of any upturn. In America, improved performance from Travelodge was offset by disappointing results from New York luxury hotels. Mr Forte said he planned to double the Travelodge network to 180 outlets over the next few years.

The group will continue to prune its hotel portfolio; it plans to sell more than 40 hotels in Britain, 12 in America and three in the Caribbean.



Rocco Forte, chairman, said the group had outperformed its rivals in London; occupancy had risen 11 per cent

Profits were up by 18 per cent, from £34 million to £40 million, in the restaurant division, mainly owing to last December's acquisition of the Relais autoroute restaurants in France. Mr Forte confirmed that the group wanted to sell its Harvester chain and was in preliminary talks with several parties. Analysts believe the group wants more than £100 million for the 80-strong chain. Profits from Forte Airport Services rose by £4 million, to £12 million. A company spokesman said talks had started with Aer Lingus, the Irish national carrier, on the sale of the inflight catering business.

The group has restructured its £1.3 billion of debt, with more than half now repayable after five years. Mr Forte dismissed rumours of a rights issue.

His caution on prospects prompted several analysts to downgrade their full-year forecasts from about £100 million to less than £90 million. Forte's share price fell 10p to 227p.

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Trinity defies the recession

By Sarah Bagnall

TRINITY Holdings, the maker of chassis for buses, fire trucks and refuse collection vehicles which came to the market last October, continued to defy the recession, lifting interim pre-tax profits by 38 per cent to £4.7 million.

The shares rose 5p to 220p on the back of the 2p dividend for the six months to end July.

Geoff Hollyhead, chairman and chief executive, said: "All our market places have been badly hit by recession and the deregulation and privatisation of the refuse and bus markets." In spite of this, each of the company's operations lifted turnover, helping total sales to move ahead 27 per cent to £62.7 million.

Export orders advanced 71 per cent to £26.3 million, reflecting the company's drive to target new areas. Since the company was bought out by management nearly five years ago exports have risen by 300 per cent. Over the same period the number of employees has risen from 750 to 1,300.

The company has orders worth £75 million, twice the level this time last year, and, since the end of July, Trinity has signed a deal in Malaysia for the assembly of kit buses, the benefits of which will begin to come through in mid-1994.

Mr Hollyhead said given the new contracts the prospects for the second half were extremely good.

VW picks Walzer to head troubled Seat

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's leading carmaker, has picked Peter Walzer as interim head of Seat, its troubled Spanish subsidiary, after the sudden resignation on Wednesday of Juan Antonio Díaz Alvarez, the chairman.

The Spanish government's growing concern about Seat was underlined by the announcement that cabinet ministers will next week hold meetings with Ferdinand Piëch, VW's management board chairman, to discuss group investment plans and decisions concerning Seat.

Señor Alvarez had called for 5,000 jobs to be cut from Seat's 22,000 workforce, but VW said the reduction was inadequate to stem present losses. Seat is this year expected to show a loss of 100 billion pesetas and there is widespread concern in Spain about the future of its big Barcelona plant.

The enquiry being conducted by KPMG Deutsche Treuhand, the auditor, into allegations against José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, VW's purchasing and production chief, had yielded no damaging material so far, Klaus Liesen, VW's supervisory board chairman, said, adding that KPMG was expected to present its report at the end of this month.

Herr Liesen said current figures reinforced the view that VW would post a profit in the next few months. But he criticised internal reporting procedures for failing to show up Seat's problems earlier.

Herr Piëch said VW was transferring DM1.5 billion to Seat this year, but that "no further props" would be available.

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares recouped some of their losses at midday, but continued to trade lower amid profit-taking and end of quarter window dressing. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.28 at 3,566.02.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares finished a little firmer in thin trade on buying by institutional investors aiming to improve their balance sheets for the fiscal half-year book-closing. The Nikkei average ended up 28.3, or 0.14 per cent, at 20,105.71. Foreign investors also supported prices. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 30 midday	Sep 29 close
AMP Inc	66¼	67¼
AMR Corp	65¾	65¼
Abbott Labs	27¾	27¼
Aetna Life	60¼	59½
Ahmanson (HF)	20	20¾
Air Prod & Chem	37¾	38¾
Albertsons	50¾	49¾
Alcan Aluminm	18¼	18¾
Alco Standard	44¼	43¾
Allied Signal	72¾	72¾
Alum Co of Am	66¼	66¾
Amax	22¼	22¾
Amerada Hess	53¾	54¼
Amer Brands	32¾	32¾
Amer Cyanamid	54¼	54¼
Amer El Power	38¾	38¾
Amer Express	35¾	36
Amer Genl Corp	32¾	32¾
Amer Home Pr	61¾	60¼
Amer Ind	98¾	98¾
Amer Stores	42¼	42¾
Amer T & T	59¾	59¼
Ameritech	85¾	85¾
Amoco	57¾	57¾
Anheuser-Busch	45¾	45¾
Apple Computer	24	23¾
Archer Daniels	22¾	22¾
Arkla	8¾	8¾
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrong Wrld	41¾	41¼
Asarco	17¾	17¾
Ashland Oil	33¾	33¾
Atl Richfield	115¾	116¾
Auto Data Pro	51¼	51¾
Avery Dennison	26¾	26¾
Avon Products	52¾	52¾
Baker Hughes	23¾	23¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	41¾	41¼
BankAmerica	44	44¼
Bank of NY	56¾	56¾
Bankers Tr NY	80	80¼
Barnett Banks	45¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	47¾	47¾
Baxter Intl	22¾	22
Bectn Dickinsn	37	36¾
Bell Atlantic	63¾	63¾
BellSouth	60¾	60¼
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	38¾	39¾
Boeing	39	38¾
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	17¾	17¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	56¾	56
Browning Ferris	23¾	23¼
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53¼
CBS	270¾	273
CNA Financial	84¾	85¼
CPC Intl	43¼	43
CSX	77¾	78¼
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾
Can Pacific	15¼	15¾
Cptl Cities ABC	577	580
Cptl Holdings	43¾	42¼
Carolina Pwr	33	33¾
Caterpillar	79	79
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	30	30
Chase Manhat	37¾	37
Chemical Bk	44¾	45
Chevron Corp	96¾	97
Chrysler	47¾	48¼
Chubb Corp	84¾	85¼
Cigna Corp	64¾	64¼
Citicorp	38¼	38¾
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	27¾	27
Coca Cola	42¼	42¼
Colgate-Palmolive	52¾	53
Columbia Gas	26	26
Commonw Ed	30¾	30¼
Compaq Comp	59¾	58¾
Comp Ass Int	32¾	32¾
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	36¾	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	53¾	53¾
Cons Rail	58¾	58¾
Cooper Inds	47¾	48¾
Corning Inc	33¾	33¾
Crown Cork	36	35¾
Dana Corp	57¾	58¾
Dayton Hudson	68¾	70
Deere	72¾	72¾
Delta Air Lines	52¾	52¾
Deluxe Corp	35¾	36
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	36¾	37
Dillard Dept St	36¾	36¾
Disney (Walt)	37¾	38
Dominion Res	48¼	48¾
Donelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	55¾	55¾
Dow Chemicals	58¾	57¾
Dow Jones	33	32¾
Dresser	21¾	21¼
Duke Power	43¾	43¾
Dun & Brdstreet	62¾	62¾
Du Pont	47	47¼
Eastman Kodak	58¾	58¾
Eaton Corp	50	49¾

	Sep 30 midday	Sep 29 close
Emerson Elec	58¾	59¼
Engelhard Corp	26	38¼
Enron Corp	34¾	34½
Entergy Corp	38¾	38¼
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17½
Exxon	66¾	66½
FMC Corp	48¼	49
FPL Group	40	40¾
Federal Express	62	62
Fed Nat Mtge	79¾	79¾
First Chicago	48¼	48¾
First Interstate	66¼	66½
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	34½	34¼
Fluor Corp	40½	41
Ford Motor	55½	53¼
GTE Corp	38¾	38¾
Gannett	48	47½
Gap Inc Del	29¾	29¾
Gen Dynamics	92	91½
Gen Electric	95¼	95¾
Gen Mills	60¾	60
Gen Motors	42¾	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	122¾	122¾
Gen Signal	32¾	32½
Genuine Parts	37½	37¾
Georgia Pac	61½	61½
Gillette	57¾	58¾
Glaxo ADR	18¼	18¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¾	44½
Goodyear Tire	43¾	44¼
Grace (W&R)	34¼	34¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24½	25¼
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	19½
Halliburton	36¾	36¼
Harcourt General	44¾	44¾
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	35¾
Hercules	90¼	89¾
Hershey Foods	50¾	50¾
Hewlett Packard	68¼	67¾
Hilton Hotels	48¾	49¾
Home Depot	38¾	38¾
Homestake Mng	16½	16¾
Honeywell	35¼	35¾
Household Intl	78¾	78¾
Houston Inds	46¼	46¾
Humana	12¾	12¾
ITT Corp	93¾	94
Illinois Tool	38¾	38¾
INCO	17¾	17¾
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	37¾
Inland Steel	27¾	27¼
Intel Corp	71½	73¾
IBM	41½	41½
Intl Flav & Fr	101½	101
Intl Paper	60¼	59¾
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	39¾
K Mart	24¼	24½
Kellogg	50¾	49¾
Kerr-McGee	52¾	52¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	52½	52¼
Lilly (Eli)	50¼	49¾
Limited Inc	22¾	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	115¾	115½
Lincoln Nat	47½	46¾
Litton	59¾	60
Liz Claiborne	19¾	19¾
Lockheed Corp	63¼	64
Louisiana Pac	33¾	32¾
MCI Commun	27¾	27¾
Marriott	30¾	30¾
Marsh & McLnn	87	87½
Masco Corp	31¼	31½
May Dept St	43¾	43½
Maytag Corp	16¾	16½
McCaw Cellular	53¾	54¾
McDonalds	52	52½
McDonnell D	89¾	89¾
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	42	42
Medtronic	67¼	68¼
Mellon Bk	54¾	55½
Melville Corp	43¾	43¾
Merck Inc	31	30¾
Merrill Lynch	98¾	100¾
Minnesota Mine	102¼	102¾
Mobil Corp	82	81½
Monsanto	65½	64
Morgan (JP)	78¾	78½
Motorola Inc	101¼	101½
Natl Medical	9¾	9¾
Natl Semi	20¾	20½
Natl Service Ind	25½	25
Navistar Int	24	22¾
NBD Bancorp	34½	34¾
NY Times A	24¾	25
Newmont Mng	47¾	46½
Nhg Mohawk	23¾	23¾
Nike B	45¾	44¾
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	30¾	30¾
Norfolk Sthrn	68¾	68¾
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	46½
Norwest Corp	27½	27
Nynex Corp	46	46
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	25½	25¾
Oracle Systems	62¼	62¾

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Oryx Energy Co	24¼	24½
Owens Corning	45	45
PNC Financial	30¾	30¾
PPG Industries	65¾	65¾
Paccar Inc	62¾	62¾
Pacificorp	19¼	19¾
Pac Enterprises	27½	27
Pac Gas & Elect	35¾	35¾
Pac Telesis	53¾	54¾
Pall Corp	19¾	19¾
Panhandle East	24¼	24¾
Paramnt Comm	79	79¾
Parker Hannifin	34½	34¼
Penney (JC)	46½	47¾
Pennzoil	63¾	63¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	59¾	59¾
Phelps Dodge	39¾	40¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	45¾	45¾
Phillips Pet	33¾	33½
Pitney Bowes	38¼	38¾
Polaroid	33¾	34
Price Co	37¾	37¼
Primerica	48¼	49¾
Procter & Gmbl	47¾	47¾
Pub Serv E & G	35	35
Quaker Oats	66¾	66¾
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¾
Raychem Corp	42¾	42¾
Raytheon	62	62¾
Reebok Intl	24	23¼
Reynolds Metals	41½	43
Roadway Srvcs	59¼	59¾
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¼
Rohm & Haas	50½	50¾
Royal Dutch	101½	101½
Rubbermaid	33¼	33¾
Safeco Corp	61½	61½
St Paul's Cos	91½	92¾
Salomon Inc	49¼	50¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	23¾	23¾
Scecorp	23¾	23¾
Schering Plough	66	65½
Schlumberger	66¾	66¾
Scott Paper	32½	32¾
Seagram	25¾	25¾
Sears Roebuck	54¾	54½
Shell Trans	61	61½
Sherwin Wlms	35¾	35¼
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	45¾	45¾
Sthwestern Bell	43¾	42¼
Sprint Corp	37	37
Stanley Works	40¼	40¾
Sun Company	28¾	28¼
Suntrust	44¾	44½
Supervalu	32½	32¼
Syntex Corp	17½	17½
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¼
TRW Inc	66¾	66¼
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	36½	36½
Telecom Corp	3¾	3
Teledyne	27¾	27¾
Temple Inland	40¾	40¾
Tenneco	52¾	52¾
Texaco	67¾	67½
Texas Inst	76½	76½
Texas Utilities	46	46¼
Textron	57¼	58
Time Warner	41	41½
Times-Mirror	28¾	28¾
Timken	30¼	30¾
Torchmark	56¼	57
Toys R Us	36¾	36½
Transamerica	59¾	59¼
Travelers Corp	38¾	38¼
Tribune	53¾	53
Tyco Labs	42¾	42¾
UAL Corp	139¾	141
UST Inc	27¾	27¼
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unilever NV	107¾	108
Union Camp	42¾	42¼
Union Carbide	19¼	19¾
Union Pacific	63	63½
Unisys Corp	11½	11¾
USAIR Group	12¾	12¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	16¼
US Life	42¾	41½
US West	49¼	49
United Tech	55¾	56
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¼
Upjohn	28¼	28½
VF Corp	44	44
WMX Tech	30¾	31½
Wal-Mart Stores	24¾	24¼
Warner-Lambert	65¼	65¼
Wells Fargo	125¾	126¾
Westinghouse El	13	13½
Weyerhaeuser	39¾	39¾
Whirlpool	59¾	59¾
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	58¼	58¾
Woolworth	25¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¾	45¾
Xerox	73½	72¾

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	524p (+9p)
HSBC	716p (+17p)
RMC Group	801p (+13p)
J Menzies	569p (+12p)
Thorpe FW	125p (+17p)
Enviromed	138p (+10p)
Fenner	100p (+14p)
Glaxo	631p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	745p (+20p)
Enterprise	458p (+17p)
Woodside	159p (+11p)
Mersey Docks	418p (+17p)

FALLS:	
Greenalls Group	363p (-10p)
Lookers	144p (-10p)
Invergordon Dist	266p (-11p)
ADT	635p (-10p)
Inchcape	515p (-12p)
Kingfisher	650p (-10p)
Mitel	504p (-24p)
Pifco	275p (-14p)

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

HELICAL BAR (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.22m (£1.27m)
EPS: 10.89p (5.01p)
Div: 2.5p (2.4p)
Board expects to boost total dividend by 20 per cent. In certain areas market bottomed late last year

WELPAC (Int)
Pre-tax: £138,000 loss
LPS: 0.5p (LPS 5.6p)
Div: No dividend (nil)
Loss last time of £1.37 million. Turnover increased by 8 per cent. Losses eliminated on continuing activities.

RUTLAND TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.6m (£3.5m)
EPS: 0.93p (0.84p)
Div: 0.27p (same)
Central and corporate finance teams very active. Vehicle contract hire business suffered from used car market downturn.

HUNTLEIGH TECH. (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.02m (£2.35m)
EPS: 7.45p (5.67p)
Div: 2p (1.33p)
Sales up 25 per cent. Clinton healthcare reforms beneficial for group. Exhibiting at October Euro wound care conference.

SYKES-PICKAVANT (Int)
Pre-tax: £91,000
EPS: 0.58p (2.75p)
Div: 1.38p (2.25p)
Last time's profit was £402,000. Computer system teething problems over. New range of diagnostic equipment on way.

ATLAS CONVERTING (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.38m (£2.23m)
EPS: 10.01p (17.6p)
Div: 7p (same)
Difficult trading conditions have continued. Increase in orders not sustained. Demand from Europe at low levels.

STORM GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £102,000
EPS: 0.14p (LPS 1.49p)
Div: No dividend (nil)
Last time there was a £1.13m pre-tax loss. Notable progress in US market. Royalty returns from Shoe People licensees good.

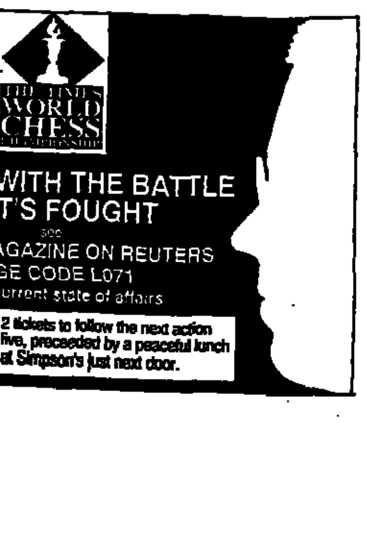
LENDU HLDS. (18 months)
Pre-tax: £1.14m
EPS: 8.68p (0.51p)
Div: 0.5p
Last time's profit for a 12 month period was £51,000 and the dividend was 0.3p. Malaysian estate sold.

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	102	+1
Bakyrchik (120)	130	...
Beta Viet Nam Units	£40¾	+¼
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	3¼	...
For & Col Special Inc	69½	+½
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...
For & Col Spl Units	111	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	78	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	14	...
Nouvelle A	5¼	...
Select Industries	9½	...
Shield Diag (112)	111	+6
VHE Holdings (115)	118	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Adwest n/p (140)	32	...
Appleyard n/p (120)	11	+2
Cadbury Schw n/p (400)	56	+2
JIB Group n/p (150)	21	+1
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	59	...
Perry Group n/p (160)	19	-2
Quarto n/p (225)	57	...
Tarmac n/p (120)	19¼	+¼
Wates City of Lon n/p (72)	5	-½



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF LASTS OF COLCHESTER LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

From 9 March 1987 to 18 April 1988 Lasts of Colchester Limited (Company No 682032) was subject to an administration order under Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986 with Stuart Andrew Edgar being appointed as its administrator. On 28 July 1988 following the making of a winding up order on 18 April 1988, Andrew David Conquest of Grant Thornton, Crown House, Crown Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 3HS was appointed as liquidator of Lasts of Colchester Limited. By Orders of the court dated 25 May 1993, Andrew David Conquest was empowered by the court to administer certain funds realised or received by Lasts of Colchester Limited acting by Stuart Andrew Edgar in the period in which the administration order was in force. Any persons who claim any debts against Lasts of Colchester Limited arising during the period 9 March 1987 to 18 April 1988 are invited to submit details of such claims to Andrew David Conquest at the address above.

Such notification to be received on or before close of business on 1 November 1993. Any claims not received on or before close of business on 1 November 1993 may be disregarded by Andrew David Conquest in calculating amounts payable to proving creditors of Lasts of Colchester Limited (in administration).

Dated this 22 day of September 1993
Andrew D Conquest, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF LEWIS LEATHERS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 24 September 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.

Dated this 24th September 1993
M J Carter

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
ASTRA TRAINING SERVICES LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at the Grosvenor Suite, Grosvenor House Hotel, Charter Square, Sheffield on Monday 18th October 1993, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

M.L. McKILLOP,
Joint Administrative Receiver
Arthur Andersen, St. Paul's House, Park Square,
Leeds LS1 2PJ
Dated this 29th day of September 1993.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GOLF GALORE LIMITED
Company Number: 2505418

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of the said Act that, on 17th September 1993, Paul Shipperlee and David Gilbert of Levy Gee & Partners, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company by National Westminster Bank Plc.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
S.L. INVESTMENTS LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership

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M.L. McKILLOP,
Joint Administrative Receiver
Arthur Andersen, St. Paul's House, Park Square,
Leeds LS1 2PJ
Dated this 29th day of September 1993.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
White Horse Seeds Limited

Registered number: 1918793. Nature of business: Seed Wholesalers. Trade classification: 01. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23 September 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hill Samuel Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Ryan Cridland Densham and David John Blenkarn (office holder nos 1954 and 6676). Address: 31 Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5QD. The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, Hampshire SO1 1XF.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
ROLLMED LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at the Grosvenor Suite, Grosvenor House Hotel, Charter Square, Sheffield on Monday 18th October 1993, at 1.30 p.m. for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

M.L. McKILLOP,
Joint Administrative Receiver
Arthur Andersen, St. Paul's House, Park Square,
Leeds LS1 2PJ.
Dated this 29th day of September 1993.

DR. JOHN IRVING
late of Trinity lodge, Rowethorpe, Bentley, Western Australia

Would any person claiming to be MR. ADRIAN ANDREWS previously residing in 47 Gallows Hill, Kings Langley, Herts, England or any person knowing the whereabouts of MR. ADRIAN ANDREWS please contact PERPETUAL TRUSTEES WA LIMITED of 89 St. Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia within two months of the date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference 19211-00-2 RHP and the Estate of DR. JOHN IRVING deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICES

In The Supreme Court of Western Australia
To: Bryan Guthrie Stewart
NOTICE OF TRIAL

Take notice that the trial of action No 2041 of 1990, Edward James Bride and Wendy Margaret Bride as Trustees of The Pinwernying Family Trust Vs Bryan Guthrie Stewart will be heard in the Supreme Court at Perth, Western Australia on the 3rd day of November 1993 at 10.30am.

Unless you attend or are represented by counsel, the trial will take place in your absence
T R Bredmeyer Master

JAMES BREBBER
late of 38 Lindsay Street, Perth, Western Australia

Would any person claiming to be MISS E HARPER previously residing in 5 Maple Road, Bourneville, Birmingham, England or any person knowing the whereabouts of MISS E. HARPER please contact PERPETUAL TRUSTEES WA LIMITED of 89 St. Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia within two months of the date of publication of this advertisement quoting reference 41106006 DFH and the Estate of JAMES BREBBER Deceased.

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Battle for Paramount turns into Hollywood blockbuster

Rival bidders for the last big independent studio could end up offering sums reminiscent of the overheated eighties, says Philip Robinson



Demi Moore as Diana Murphy in Paramount's *Indecent Proposal*

One of the last big picture shows is being fought out on Wall Street. It is the world's third largest takeover battle, which some believe could lead to a $12 billion bid before the final frame. The result could play a significant part in what appears on British television.

At stake is the ownership of Paramount Communications, the last major independent Hollywood film studio, which has been headed for the past ten years by Martin Davis. The Bronx-born, 66-year-old US executive has earned a reputation for making deals, but his track record at Paramount has been patchy and, inside and outside the company, he is far from popular.

The fight pitches two of the highest-profile figures of the entertainment industry against each other: Sumner Redstone, a 70-year-old billionaire and former drive-in movie owner, who is seeking a career-capping deal; and Barry Diller, 51, a street-wise executive out to prove he can repeat earlier television and film successes and oust Mr Davis, who is said to have been instrumental in sacking him from Paramount ten years ago. Mr Redstone runs and controls Viacom, a cable television programme maker owning, among a clutch of other interests, MTV in Europe and the US. Mr Diller heads QVC Network, a home shopping channel, but is backed by some of the most powerful players in the cable television industry. Today he launches QVC on BSkyB, which is 50 per cent owned by The News Corporation, the ultimate parent of *The Times*.

Reel one of this latest blockbuster opens some way into the plot. Paramount, which industry sources say has been up for sale for almost four years, agreed a friendly merger with Mr Redstone early last month. A few days later, Mr Diller appeared with a counter-offer $2 billion higher than Mr Redstone's. This infuriated both Mr Redstone and Mr Davis. Their deal provided for Mr Davis to continue day-to-day running of the company and for Mr Redstone to be chairman and own almost 80 per cent of the shares.

Now, the competing bids will have to be considered by Mr Davis's hand-picked board and voted on by his shareholders. Should the directors refuse to consider any bid other than Mr Redstone's, they lay themselves open to be sued by the shareholders on the ground that they have not discharged their fiduciary duty.

The Paramount board includes ten outside directors, solid financial figures but said to be unfamiliar with the quickfire legal actions that are standard weapons in the armoury of American corporate wars.

At one time, Mr Davis was adored by Wall Street for stripping Paramount of the hotch-potch of unrelated businesses accumulated by Charles Bluhdorn its founder, who died in 1983. But he confused analysts when he did little else but try unsuccessfully to enter the $14 billion takeover battle for Time Inc in 1989. His corporate slimming programme put a mountain of cash into the company — once famous for its mountain logo — but it was spent largely on theme parks. Mr Davis has about $1 billion left and no clear strategy. Paramount has some prime assets: Manhattan's Madison Square Garden auditorium and, through it, rights to the Miss Universe Pageant. The company also owns the New York Knicks basketball team, the New York Rangers hockey team, seven television stations and Simon & Schuster, America's largest educational publisher. Its earnings — two thirds from entertainment and the balance from publishing — fell more than 20 per cent last year and while figures due out next April are expected to show a recovery, the share price has been less than sparkling. Until the bids pushed it close to $80, the highest it had reached at any time in the past three years was $66. Despite two changes of regime at the studio, Paramount has generally been unable to repeat its success of the early 1980s. It was sharply criticised in Hollywood three months ago when Sherry Lansing, the executive in charge of films, gave Tom Cruise a $100,000 Mercedes as a thank you for starring in *The Firm* while Mr Davis was telling Wall Street he was cutting costs. *The Firm* has been one of the few $100 million blockbusters for Paramount; other hits have been *The Addams Family*, *Wayne's World* and *Indecent Proposal*.

Mr Diller steered Paramount Pictures though one of its most successfull film-making eras in the late 1970s and early 1980s with box office hits such as *Star Trek*, *Saturday Night Fever* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Paramount also produced made for television films, such as *Happy Days*, *Mork* and *Mindy* and *Cheers*. After he left, he spent almost ten years as chairman and chief executive of Fox Inc, the film and TV business owned by The News Corporation. Fox's TV interests were built to a point where it is considered the fourth of the big US networks. Its film hits included *Home Alone*, *Hot Shots* and *Die Hard*.

The battle for Paramount has rapidly turned into a re-run of the most entertaining of the 1980s corporate fights within two weeks of the opening shot. Wall Street, its thoughts on the lucrative fee-income which such contests yield, has been fanning the flames of what could rank as a sequel to *Barbarians at the Gate*. That celebrated American television drama was based on the $25 billion takeover of RJR Nabisco by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts in 1989. One memorable scene in the show depicts investment bankers, in fancy dress for a New York charity event, trying to solicit RJR's advisory business in the men's room.

Paramount is on the rack. Not only has it publicly put itself up for auction, it has given itself little room for manoeuvre. It says a merger with Viacom is in the best interests of its shareholders, but the arbitrageurs, those who bet on the outcome of such takeovers, are guided more by price than board recommendation. And shareholders with a longer-term outlook are inclined to take account of future management.

So far, Mr Diller is the only candidate with a proven record of building a company from scratch and then running it. Ted Turner, who has a similar record with his cable network, which owns CNN, has ruled himself out as a potential bidder. Bertelsmann, the German publishing group, which is planning a rival station to Viacom's MTV, also says it will not join the fray.

Paramount is viewed as a grand prize. The swift advance in the technology, which delivers both television pictures and telephone conversations, has accelerated a shift in the entertainment industry's power base. Kings of the screen are no longer perceived as the owners of the hardware, but as the controllers of the product. Paramount's film library alone has 900 titles. Thomas Graves, entertainment analyst with Standard & Poor's said: "The demand for programming is going to grow and that's one of the reasons a company like Paramount is perceived as pretty valuable." It is also the last solvent independent company likely to come up for sale. Walt Disney is viewed as bullet-proof, with a stock market value of around $20 billion; Warner Brothers was bought by Time Inc four years ago; Columbia and Tri Star went to Sony, the Japanese electronics giant; MCA, with its Universal studios, to Sony's rival, Matsushita; and Fox is owned by The News Corporation.

Mr Diller is being backed by 52-year-old John Malone, regarded as the single most powerful man in the American cable television industry; he influences several companies through stakes held by the Tele-Communications Inc (TCI), which he runs. As a big shareholder in QVC, he has already backed its bid, putting up half the $1 billion Mr Diller has raised from supporters. But his generosity sparked a legal action from Viacom, which sued six companies, including QVC and TCI, alleging the bid waspart of Mr Malone's strategy to monopolise the cable industry.

We are far from the final reel but Mr Diller appears to be ahead on points so far. His cash and shares bid is worth about $10 billion. But Mr Redstone is catching up, and has been raising fresh cash, to sweeten his offer, from Blockbuster Entertainment and the regional telephone companies. Mr Redstone is known as a formidable opponent and likes the minimum of paperwork. When his cinema chain was fighting for Viacom in 1987, each time the opposition topped his offer, he would take their official document cross out the numbers, write in his own higher figure, photo-copy the page and file it as his official bid document with the takeover authorities.

TEMPUS

A devotion to debt

ALMOST alone among company chiefs, Rocco Forte is sticking to his promise that he will not launch a rights issue. Such a stand might appear self-defeating: Forte's share price is high enough to make a cash call look attractive and why should fund managers, who have purchased a variety of dubious paper during the past six months, falter at the Forte hurdle? A one-for-four rights issue would raise £400 million and remove pressure to make disposals or cut spending.

A cynic might feel that Rocco's reluctance to issue paper reflects an unwillingness to dilute his family's shareholding, but in reality, debt is cheaper than equity at present, and the board is prepared to live with high interest costs and low profits while it waits for a turn in the hotel market. Forte can secure long-term debts at less than 5 per cent post-tax, which is far more attractive than the prospect of a 20 per rise in its equity base and the annual pressure of a rising dividend.

For the same reason, Forte is reluctant to accelerate its asset disposals, even though it risks disapproval in the City. The sales of Harvester and airport catering could bring in more than £250 million, but a cheap sell-off would serve to erode the asset base and dilute already depressed earnings.

Indications are that the hotel market is beginning to turn, particularly in London, but the improvement in the provinces will be slow and offset by a deterioration in Europe. Forte is managing its balance sheet for the long term but the 226p share price, on a current year p/e ratio of more than 25, anticipates rapid results in which case investors will be disappointed.

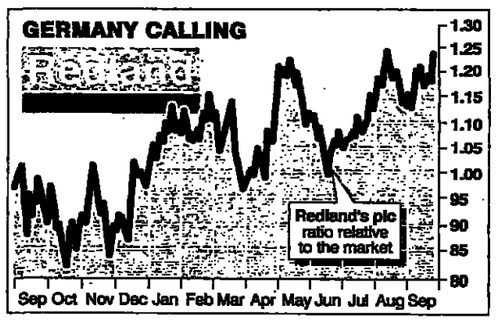
Redland

REDLAND shareholders should again thank the Exchequer for a 50 per cent boost to their dividend if they opt for the enhanced scrip alternative. The scheme also benefits Redland by keeping its tax charge below 29 per cent, allowing more profit to flow to the bottom line. Given that Redland's net debt has risen by £140 million in the past year in spite of an active disposal programme, the cash saved from the enhanced scrip is also welcome.

Redland's profits have been given an unexpected fillip from Germany, where the demographics and politics of reunification have caused a construction boom when every other area of the economy is in reverse gear with a foot on the accelerator.

The question for Redland is whether its other markets, particularly the UK and France, will come back with sufficient strength when the German boom peters out, and support the expanding equity base. Signs of a decline in Britain's brick mountain are welcome, with stocks expected to level out to 1 billion, and with price increases forecast for November.

UK recovery would also be welcome for Steetley, Redland's acquisition, which boosted its presence in the domestic brick market as prices for were falling. With Redland shares trading at 18 times forecasts of next year's earnings, Redland needs a contribution from Steetley. Until now, it has only provided dilution and heartache.



HSBC

THE acquisition of a 10 per cent stake in Chile's Banco O'Higgins does not rate high on the Richter scale of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's corporate activity but it is nevertheless a significant pointer to its ambitions.

Until now, HSBC's experiences in Latin America have not been joyous. The acquisition of Marine Midland in the USA in the eighties brought with it an inevitable baggage of non-performing sovereign debt, from which HSBC has only recently extricated itself. Times and economic circumstances change, and HSBC is more alive than most to the prospects of growing economies.

Many of the economies it serves in South-East Asia are maturing. The political stabilisation of Chile and its neighbours, by contrast, opens the way for rapid industrialisation, which in turn will need adequate financing. HSBC has the ability to fund this growth by injecting capital into potential conduits like O'Higgins. HSBC is unlikely to be content with a 10 per cent holding, if the bank fulfills is expectations. As a side product, the deal gives HSBC a useful contact in continental Europe. O'Higgins is half-owned by Banco Central Hispano Americano, which could lead to further co-operation. Even if nothing comes of this modest investment, it shows HSBC's urge to diversify from its roots is undimmed.

Bass

BASS is the latest group to feel sufficiently rattled by the Stock Exchange clampdown on private briefings to come clean about the contents of the broking analysts' day-trip to Burton-on-Trent. The resulting statement about the financial year just ending reads like an annual report without the interesting bits — the numbers. Few of the figures it does contain are particularly encouraging, with profits under pressure in the brewing, taverns and Britvic divisions. While the group struggles to improve its balance sheet with disposals like Augustus Barnett, its efforts have been hampered by an £83 million rise in free trade loans while a 2 per cent rise in the tax charge has hampered cash flow. The marginal improvements in occupancy and room rate at Holiday Inn in America, meanwhile, are being counterbalanced by a deterioration in Europe. Such fragments suggest the whole picture will not be pretty when Bass properly unveils its results in December.

Oil

OPEC'S production ceiling of 24.5 million barrels boosted the oil sector yesterday but the joy may be shortlived. The agreement has two benefits in readmitting Kuwait to the fold and settling the argument between Iran and Saudi Arabia over production levels. But the new ceiling merely officially sanctions Opec's recent output levels as members have systematically breached the previous quota levels. Brent crude prices of $17.60 are still short of what many exploration companies need to justify replacing their depleting wells, and forecasts of world oil demand do not indicate that the consumer will rescue the price. Opec's solidarity could be tested quite soon.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Crunch time at Café Rouge

THE City Brasserie, that old haunt beneath Plantation House, is back in the hands of Roger Myers, chairman of the Pelican Group. For a price of up to £3 million, Pelican has bought Jim Thompson's Spice Islands trading company, which owns the City Brasserie — formerly part of Myers' old company, Theme Holdings. The deal also adds a couple of themed restaurants and bars to Pelican, which owns the Café Rouge chain, among others. "This is a return to my roots and the days when I started concepts like the Old Rangoon and the Dome," says Myers, who was recently seen partying with George Michael and others at the opening night of *Hair*, the West End musical. The excitement surrounding the deal is only lightly tempered by the experience of a City journalist who found a chunk of glass in his food while lunching at the Café Rouge two days ago. Unfortunately for Pelican, the victim was me.

Still waiting

UNPAID bills were the theme at the Investor Relations Awards dinner at the Café Royal, London, on Wednesday night. Why, it was asked, had the dinner been changed from last year's highly popular venue, The Brewery on Chiswell Street? The answer is simple — Whitbread, which owns The Brewery, is still waiting for settlement of its £3,500 bill. Corporate Finance Publishing, underwriter of last year's bash, went into receivership a couple of months ago — leading to a hasty rebooking. To cap it all, Whitbread was not even in the running for the awards. The brewer got rid of its investor relations team earlier this year. Cable and Wireless walked off with most of the prizes.

GOOD to see the Institute for Fiscal Studies has its finger on the pulse as usual. The latest edition of its Update newsletter has just reached me dated spring 1993.

Wooden spoon

FIRST they lost the Olympic bid. Now, Peking is to receive the ultimate Western affliction — the actuary. Eagle Star, the first European insurance group to set up shop in China, is sponsoring 20 students on a training course backed by the Institute of Actuaries. Western accountants have been roving the People's Republic for a couple of years now, so there is some logic in it.



"What makes you think he's from GrandMet?"

Trio con brio

NEW flexing of muscles by Livingstone Fisher, the corporate finance boutique which leapt to prominence in January when it advised the Gardner Merchant management team in its successful £402 million management buyout from Forte. The firm has signed up Jeremy Furniss from Clifford Chance, the solicitor, as a corporate finance executive, taking the mergers and acquisitions team to 12. "I'll be concentrating more and more on the larger deals," says Furniss, 27. On the research side, Tania Pepper recently arrived (indirectly) from James Capel in Paris and Samantha Penn is joining from Lucas Industries.

Oh, that rule

A BUSINESSMAN who paid off his loan seven months earlier than he needed to was annoyed when Barclays told him that he could not have a pro rata refund on the cost of the insurance policy he had been obliged to take out in case of illness or accident. It was because of "Rule of 87" under the Consumer Credit Act, said Barclays. What was that, the businessman asked our personal finance correspondent? Simple, replied the Office of Fair Trading. It is m(m+1) divided by n(n+1), all multiplied by K. And who said that being a financial journalist was easy?

100 not out

PETER Brooke, Heritage secretary, and John Gummer, his Environment counterpart, were among a host of luminaries from the City and elsewhere who gathered at the Banqueting House in Whitehall last night to celebrate the centenary of Smith & Williamson, a curious hybrid that is both accountant and private bank. Founded in Glasgow in 1881, the firm dates its roots to the opening of a London office in 1893 — helped by a certain TS Hall who made his fortune in gold in Australia and invested it with Andrew Williamson on his return to Britain. The other half of the title, Johnstone Smith, built the Accountant's Hall in Glasgow.

God bless him

WITH less than three months to go, spare a kind thought for the workers, auditors, accountants and stocktakers of TT Group, the electronics concern based in Weybridge, whose financial year-end falls on Christmas Day. Pressed as to whether staff would be called in on December 25, John Newman, very much wearing his executive director's hat, merely pointed out that TT always ends its year on a Saturday, and 1993 would be no different. With just the hint of the Christmas spirit in mind, he then conceded: "For all practical purposes, stocktaking will probably be carried out on the Monday". No hangovers, please.

Sir Ewen Fergusson, former British Ambassador in Paris, has been appointed non-executive chairman of Coutts & Co, the banking group. He succeeds Sir David Money-Coutts, who is retiring.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Retirement at 60 for only £700m

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, No doubt the CBI pension age poll intended no bias (Letters, September 24), but its assumptions — £4 billion cost, to be paid from increased taxes or welfare cuts — certainly came from the most frightening end of the range of possibilities.

In addition to largely eliminating the current huge cost of paying invalidity and unemployment benefit to over 60s, state pension from 60 will reduce the number of jobless under 60 to the extent men then retire earlier. On a reasonable assumption of this, the cost of "60" could be as low as £700 million.

But, even a much higher cost could still be met within the NIC system, e.g. by matching the 1 per cent rise in employees' NIC (i.e. extending the ability-to-pay concept of the NIC), or by ceasing to misapply the NIC for personal pension incentive.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINDSAY,
Legal Adviser,
Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages,
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Whitchurch Hill,
Reading, Berks.

More doubts about the Lloyd's Plan

From J. M. Crowley

Sir, The doubts expressed by R. H. B. Malim (Letters, September 29) regarding the cost of the Lloyd's Plan are be shared by another group of Lloyd's Names.

It may not be generally known that in an entirely arbitrary ruling, the Council of Lloyd's disenfranchised all Names who resigned before a certain date, but who remain locked-in.

In my case I resigned in 1983 following the first wave of suggested scandals. I remain locked into two syndicates and have the same risks and obligations as any other Name.

It is perhaps fortunate for Lloyd's that this undemocratic ruling may have removed a substantial threat to the introduction of corporate capital. Our only concern is the cost of buying our way out of our pre-1985 position and we have nothing to gain from the present Business Plan.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. CROWLEY,
Waterside House,
Church Street,
Wyre Piddle,
Pershore,
Worcs.

Cash flow helps — but who benefits?

From Mr Johnny Cohen

Sir, The buzz word for financial sophisticates is "cash flow". The question, however, is whose?

On June 16, National Geographic Society sent my (teenage) daughter "remitting instructions" for her 1994 membership fee, with no indication of the actual renewal date. (Subsequent identical instructions were issed in August and again on September 22).

When I wrote in July, I was told that "the expiry date for your membership is December 1993".

Doubtless the society could argue that its receipt of subscriptions up to 6 months in advance provides cash flow benefits which enable it to keep a firmer control over subscription fee levels.

But is this practice within the spirit of the Citizen's Charter?

Yours faithfully,
JOHNNY COHEN,
385 Woolton Road,
Liverpool.

Pundits underplayed job safeguards on council contracting out

From Mr M. A. Watson

Sir, The article in *The Times* on September 22 by Rodney Hobson ("Contracting out doubt") refers to the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Tupe) in the context of compulsory competitive tendering. The commentators, Mr Hall and Mr Jones, raise two issues.

First, Mr Hall says that many council contracts will fall outside Tupe. His comment seems to be based on the recent Employment Appeals Tribunal decision in *Dines*, but that case only reinforced the point that whether Tupe applies depends on the facts of each transfer. After introduction of the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993, the only test is whether — on the facts of each contract — the activity is an economically identifiable unit that will retain its identity after "transfer". On this test, it is likely that most council contracts will be subject to Tupe. Cases pending before the European Court of Justice will shed further light on this.

Second, Mr Jones suggests that in-house teams who "link up" with outside contractors may be able to fire their colleagues without breaching Tupe. It is hard to see how such dismissals could happen without liability for unfair dismissal falling on the outside contractor. Employees dismissed in connection with a transfer will, in virtually every case, be unfairly dismissed — whether dismissal is by the in-house team before transfer or by the outside contractor.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. WATSON,
Fox Williams (Solicitors),
39-45 Finsbury Square, EC2.

Price of power competition

From Dr. T. R. Phillips

Sir, Your correspondent of Sept 22 (Mr. Peter Bryant) asserts that higher gas prices for the domestic consumer would not arise from a further break-up of British gas monopoly. Even the MMC report was not so confident about this issue. I suggest this is contrary to some of the available evidence. Comparison of my latest gas bill with that of 1983 shows that the price per unit has increased 29 per cent from 1.142 to 1.477 pence per kilowatt. The equivalent electricity price has increased 49 per cent from 5.17 to 7.72 pence.

The increases in the correspondent standing charges are 10 per cent and 40 per cent. The attempt to promote competition within the electricity industry has certainly not been to the benefit of the domestic consumer, whereas the gas industry has been able to contain its prices despite the interference of Ofgas. The only definite beneficiaries of extra competition would be Utilicorp and other suppliers.

There seems to be a strong case for saying that if the system is working, don't fiddle with it.

Yours faithfully,
T. R. PHILLIPS,
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State wages rise faster than private sector pay

■ For the fourth successive year, public sector pay has outstripped wage agreements in the private sector, according to the latest figures issued by the government

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PUBLIC sector pay is rising more quickly than pay in the private sector, according to government figures published yesterday. Ministers are likely to use the figures to justify the further pay restraint for 5 million public sector employees proposed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

The government's latest *New Earnings Survey* — an authoritative snapshot of pay taken in April each year which provides the only official figures on relative changes in public and private sector pay — shows that earnings in the public sector rose by 4.3 per cent over the year to April, while those in the private sector went up by 4 per cent.

The average level of public sector earnings is now £321 a week. In the private sector it is £303.30.

Having already announced a pay bill freeze for next year to follow this year's 1.5 per cent pay limit for public sector employees, the government will point to the NES figures to show that public sector pay is currently higher than earnings in the private sector, and is increasing at a faster rate.

They will emphasise that this is the fourth successive year that public sector pay has risen more quickly than pay in the private sector — and stress that is why pay restraint in the public sector is necessary.

Within the overall public sector total, pay in local government rose by the highest amount, with an increase of 4.8 per cent. Central government pay rose by a lower 3.2 per cent, while earnings in public corporations — the trading public sector, such as British Coal and British Rail — rose by 2.7 per cent.

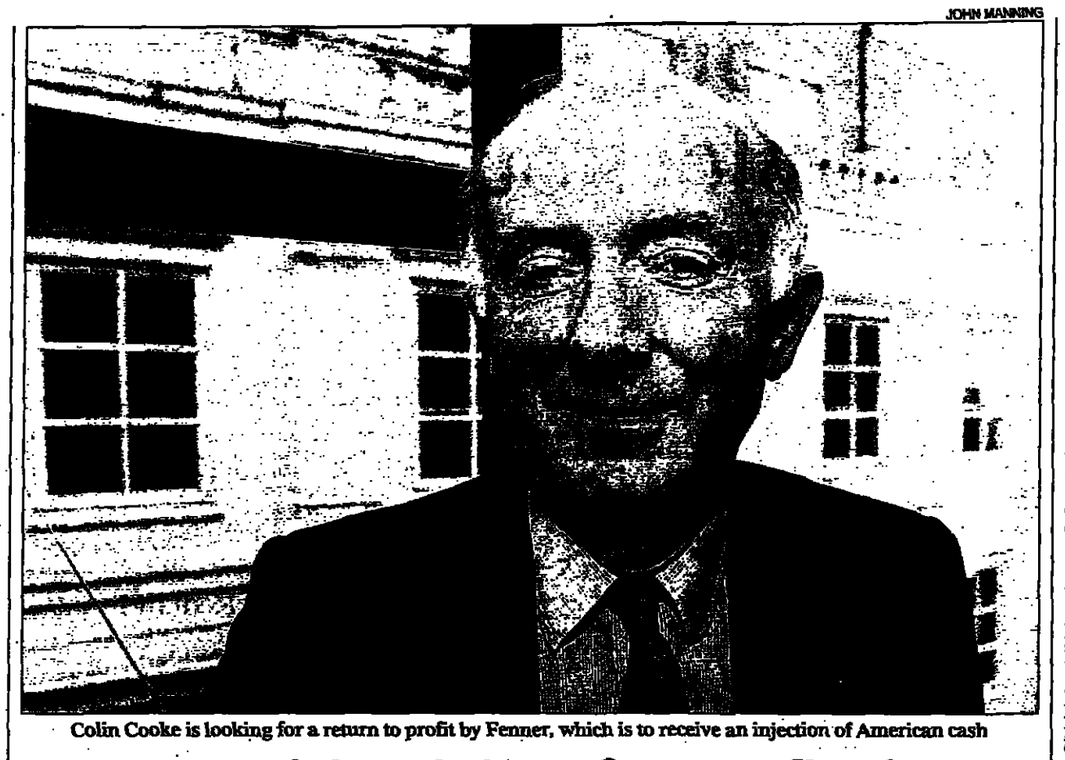
Overall, average earnings across the economy now stand at £316.90, or about £16,500 annually — up 4 per cent on 1992. Overtime accounts for about 11 per cent of all earnings. Ten per cent of employees earn less than £153 per week, while the top 10 per cent earned more than £510.

Regionally, London saw the highest increase at 5.9 per cent, with earnings now standing at £408 in the capital. The lowest rise was in east Anglia, which saw a 1.3 per cent increase to take its earnings level to £292.20.

☐ Leaders of the AEEU engineering union gave warning yesterday that they would ballot their members in Vauxhall Motors on strike action unless the company improved its pay offer to 9,000 manual workers in talks next week. Vauxhall has offered a two-year pay deal, made up of a rise of 2.1 per cent from August and a further 2.6 per cent from August next year, to workers at its car plants at Luton and Ellesmere Port. Unions want a higher increase and shorter hours, and claim the company has seen large productivity increases and a big rise in profits.

☐ Ford's manual unions will next week present a substantial pay claim. Ford unions from five European countries yesterday agreed at a meeting in Eastbourne to form a European Works Council for the company. Britain is expected to oppose next month an EC directive on such works councils. Unions claim that moves such as those by the Ford unions will increase pressure on the UK government to come into line with the rest of the EC, despite Britain's opt-out from the social protocol of the Maastricht Treaty.

JOHN MANNING



Colin Cooke is looking for a return to profit by Fenner, which is to receive an injection of American cash

Fenner raising £19m after profit plunge

FENNER, the diversified engineering group, is raising £19.3 million by a one-for-two rights issue and an equity subscription by a US-backed investment fund (Colin Campbell writes). The group, which has undergone management changes this year, may sell its loss-making power transmission division, for which an approach has been made. The asking price would be at least £30 million. The company, having passed its 1993 interim dividend, is not likely to pay a 1993 final, but hopes to resume dividends next year.

Colin Cooke, of Triplex-Lloyd, who was brought in as Fenner's non-executive chairman in June, says stronger management, healthier accounts after money-raising, and the possible sale should return Fenner to the profitable road.

Pre-tax profits for the year to August 31 are estimated to have fallen from £5.5 million to £300,000 after £7.9 million of exceptional costs, including a £6.7 million redundancy and rationalisation charge and £1.2 million of fees from an aborted merger. At operating level, profits were about £9.6 million (£11.3 million) on turnover of £202 million (£197 million).

The US funds come via European Strategic Investors Holding. It will partly underwrite the rights issue at 80p a share and subscribe for 2.18 million shares at not less than 86.3p, giving ESIH up to 10 per cent of the enlarged Fenner. Mr Cooke says gearing will fall to 13 per cent.

South African oil refiner may seek listing in London

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

ENGEN, South Africa's independent oil refiner, is likely to seek a listing in London soon, according to Rob Angel, the company's chief executive.

A Stock Exchange listing would have a number of advantages for the company, which is in the middle of a major transformation. Not the least of the advantages would be the ability to operate with greater independence from the exchange control regulations of the South African Reserve Bank.

Engen used to be the South African arm of Mobil, but was sold to Gencor, the country's second-biggest mining conglomerate, four years ago. Now Gencor is to be the first of the South African giants to unbundle. From November 5, Engen will become an independent company, with Gencor's parents, Sanlam and the Rembrandt group, together owning about 47 per cent of the shares.

This unbundling, with its new independence for the company managers, and the possibility of greater power for the individual shareholders, goes hand in hand with a three-phase expansion programme. The first phase of this has lifted the production of the Durban refinery from 67,000 barrels a day to 85,000.

Mr Angel said: "This represents an investment of R2.6 billion (£500 million) in the past three years, or around 40 per cent of our market capitalisation." It also comes at a time when the veil of secrecy, which has cloaked the fuel industry of South Africa for so long as a result of the effort to mitigate the effects of sanctions, is beginning to be lifted. Oil companies are now planning to say more about their profits, and more can be learnt about the sources of their crude supplies. (It is no real secret any more that the light crude, which is distilled in Durban, comes from Iran.)

Engen's preliminary end of year results will come in two weeks' time. Mr Angel this week defended the profits his company was making as "not out of line" with other companies in the southern hemisphere or east of Suez. "Whether we like it or not we are living in a riskier country than others," he said.

The present furore about a 7 cent per litre (approximately 1.4 pence per litre) increase in the price of petrol at the pump has brought renewed pressure to deregulate the industry.

Mr Angel made clear that Engen was not calling for immediate deregulation. He wanted the issues to be fully understood before it was embarked upon, but he insisted that there should be no "tinkering" with the regulations.

Europe's weighty problem

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL IN BRUSSELS

ALUMINIUM is a metal in crisis. Europe is groaning under the weight of record warehouse stocks of the metal, and the security of more than 235,000 jobs which depend on the health of the Continent's aluminium industry is increasingly under threat.

Attempts by the European Commission to restrict cheap CIS exports to Europe by limiting CIS imports to 60,000 tonnnes were imposed in August, and are due to expire at the end of November.

But quotas have not worked, and London Metal Exchange aluminium prices remain depressed, the European Aluminium Association said at its annual press briefing in Brussels.

National trade statistics of Western countries in 1992 showed imports from the CIS rose from 443,000 tonnes in 1991 to 750,000 tonnes last year, of which roughly 80 per cent arrived in Europe alone. Customs statistics for 1993 indicate "a continued and even increasing inflow of CIS metal into Europe", Dick Dermer, EAA president, said.

Dag Flaa, of Hydro Aluminium and current chairman of the EAA, expects the European Commission to extend quota restrictions when they expire on November 30. "We tried to talk to the Russians on various occasions. This approach did not succeed. We had no alternative but to seek quota restrictions", Mr Flaa said.

The EAA said there was now a need to widen pressure on the CIS, which should include support from North American producers.

Europe's aluminium industry was fundamentally efficient, and had already made production and labour cuts. Since 1990, the European industry has closed permanently six plants, and has introduced temporary cuts at six others out of a total of 28.

The EAA message is clear: Russians, go home.

Lloyd's splits new risks

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

NOBLE & Co, the Edinburgh finance house, is launching a novel Lloyd's corporate capital vehicle that involves setting up two separately listed, but linked, companies with very different risk profiles.

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Noble & Co intends to raise £30 million: £18 million for PT and £12 million for PU. However, through an £11 million interest-free loan, PT will have £28 million to invest in equities, giving shareholders a dividend stream based on £28 million rather than the £18 million they invested.

Conversely, PU shareholders, who put up £12 million, will get an underwriting return on £56 million. Shareholders in PT will not be immune from any problems at Lloyd's, however, as the investment funds are held as security for PU's underwriting losses. If PU incurred substantial underwriting losses, PT's investment portfolio could be wiped out. PT and PU will have a ten-year life, to take account of the cyclical nature of the insurance industry. Continuation beyond that requires the approval of most shareholders.

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Bob Wade and Ted Nottingham, authors of the new children's chess book "Check Out Chess," will be at Books Etc, 120 Charing Cross Road, to sign copies and challenge customers to a game.

Monday, 11th October, 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.

Grandmaster Danny King will be challenging all-comers in a tournament at Books Etc, 19 Whiteleys Shopping Centre, W2.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	411	...	11.5	3.5	15.8
284	179	Allied Irish	266	-1	...	3.9	14.4
197½	130	Aus New Z	172	+1	...	5.1	...
3809½	2712½	Bankamerica	2937½	-25	...	...	...
256	177	Bk of Ireland	256	...	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	4.8	20.0
176	116½	Bank Scotland	167	...	17.0	6.1	...
534	362	Barclays	524	-3	4.5	3.4	33.3
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	+9	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	20½	...	...	...	...
377	395	Cater Allen	376	-½	27.0	5.9	...
153	85	Cattles	142	...	...	...	...
2475	1787½	Chase Manh	2450 †	...	...	3.7	18.9
2531¼	1343½	Chicorp	2531¼	-9½	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	425	+18½	...	...	...
£130¼	9275	Commerzbk	£127	-3	11.0	3.3	...
£322	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£322	+62½	...	3.2	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	91	+246½	...	1.9	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.7	...
503	343	Gerrard Nat	503	...	...	0.4	...
774	490	HSBC	716 †	+2	21.5	5.3	13.4
752	474	HSBC HK	708 †	+17	19.0	3.3	17.1
389	243	Hambros	375	+18	19.0	3.3	17.0
418	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	14.0	4.7	17.3
155	96	King Shaxson	143	...	16.6	5.0	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	475	...	9.0	7.9	...
591	402	Lloyds	577	...	16.0	4.2	16.5
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	99	+6	18.4	4.0	16.5
527	322	Nat Aust Bk	512	...	3.0	3.8	19.8
512	398	Nat West	507	+7	...	3.8	18.6
460	270	Provident	426	+5	17.5	4.3	20.8
54	39	Rea Bros	52	+1	11.4	3.3	18.4
327	207	Ryl Bk Scot	327	...	0.5	1.2	55.3
1335	467½	Schroders	1273 †	+3	8.8	3.4	...
994	576	Stand Chart	944	...	...	1.1	25.4
222	145½	TSB	220	+8	20.0	3.6	...
190	78	Union Disc	175	...	0.4	3.6	...
815	529	Warburg SG	791	...	...	...	...
8425	4847½	Wells Fargo	8362½	...	...	3.0	20.0
187	121	Westpac	166	-62½	...	1.6	...
285	188	Wintrust	283	-1	...	4.7	...
				...	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	569	-3	...	4.6	15.4
647	441	Bass	457	-3	18.9	5.2	9.9
299	189	Boddington	283 †	...	7.3	3.5	15.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	444	-4	...	2.9	19.4
167	129	Burtonwd Brw	158	...	4.7	3.8	13.2
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	57 †	...	...	4.6	...
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	435	...	7.4	2.1	18.6
480	383	Grand Met	419	+3	12.3	3.7	13.8
427	347	Greenalls Grp	363	-10	11.7	4.1	12.0
572	505	Greene King	560	...	...	2.7	15.8
521	417	Guinness	469	-1	...	3.5	15.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	260	...	7.9	2.8	14.4
125	105	Heavitree▲	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	333	-5	6.0	2.3	22.1
3138	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69	-6	...	...	49.7
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	266	-11	...	3.3	15.2
186	136	Macallan-Glen	141	...	0.9	0.8	31.6
465	375	Mardn Marn 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.2	15.5
299	231	Mrston Thmp	273	...	...	2.5	16.5
470	328½	Matthew Clark	470 §	...	...	4.5	13.8
300	253	Mrrydwn W	263	...	7.0	3.3	20.8
545	455	Morland	535	...	8.4	2.0	21.3
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	-½	...	2.1	17.3
190	145	Regent Inns	190	...	4.5	3.0	∞
1072	753	SA Breweries	1072	+76	...	2.5	18.2
487	408	Scot & New	462	+3	...	4.6	14.4
225	181	Taunton Cider	202	...	6.0	3.7	16.5
256	213	Vaux Group	240	-2	9.3	4.9	16.5
331	225	Wetherspoon JD	331	...	...	1.8	26.7
559	435	Whitbread 'A'	527	-2	...	4.2	14.2
1413	850	-do- 'B'	1375	...	...	1.6	34.5
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	463	-5	11.4	3.1	13.0
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	2.0	19.7
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	19	+1	...	...	...
133	87	Allen▲	133	+2	...	4.7	30.1
115	65	Amec	115	+2	3.0	...	21.0
12	4	Anglia Sec	8	-½	...	...	...
307	155	Ashtead▲	307	...	4.5	1.8	49.3
142	101	Attwoods	128	-3	5.0	4.9	18.5
273	180	BPB Ind	269	+4	...	3.5	46.3
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
108	74	Barcom	105	...	1.2	1.5	19.1
56½	32½	Bardon	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	21.7
195	94	Barratt Devs	186	...	4.0	2.7	∞
451	305	Bellway	451	...	...	3.3	26.1
43	15	Bellwinch	40	...	...	...	...
449	285½	Berkeley Gp	441	-1	...	1.7	27.6
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	-1	1.0	2.5	55.8
288	189	Blue Circle	282 †	+8	...	5.0	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	270	...	5.9	2.7	15.5
106	78	Breedon PLC	88	...	4.6	6.7	21.2
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
86	45	Brit Flrings	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	142	-3	4.8	4.3	∞
98	53	CALA	96 †	...	2.3	3.0	∞
305	200	CRH	305	+9	...	2.8	16.8
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	-3	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	35	-2	...	...	...
143	86½	Countryside	141	...	...	3.6	37.3
94	38	Crest Nicholson	90	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	103	+1	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	3½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	0.5	...	...
275	178	Epwin	272	...	6.8	3.1	23.0
59	32	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
483	252	Eve Group▲	483	...	...	2.6	17.5
6½	3½	Explorara▲	4	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	45	...	4.3	...	18.1
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
144	90	Hewden-Stuart	135½	+1	...	3.0	30.8
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
355	186	Heywd Wm	342 †	-1	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	107	...	2.5	2.0	...
38	26	How Gp	26	...	...	...	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	74	-2	1.0	1.7	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	303 †	-1	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123 †	-1	...	6.5	...
95	53	Ln Clydesdale▲	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	18½	...	...	...	8.4
350	240	Manders	324 †	...	9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	156	...	4.2	3.4	45.8
107	61	Marshalls	106	...	...	4.7	23.0
180	122	Maunders (J)	178	...	4.9	3.5	16.3
215	96	McAlpine (A)	214	...	6.5	3.8	37.0
47	23	McCarthy & S	44	+8½	0.5	...	...
427	272	Meyer Int	419	+1	...	3.0	42.0
129	62	Mowlem (J)	111	...	4.0	4.6	...
154	51	NSM	150	+1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	140 †	...	...	...	18.7
300	197	Persimmon	282 †	...	8.6	3.7	29.8
31	12	Phoenix Timber	15	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
163	80	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti▲	2½#	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	801	+13	...	3.1	29.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	91	-½	6.0	8.2	15.2
36	18	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	564	+9	25.0	5.6	32.3
80	64	Rostel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
286	207	Rugby Group	273 †	...	6.4	3.0	20.9
50	23	Svrild-Rwe▲	50 †	...	...	0.6	...
132	68	Sharpe & Fisher	131	...	...	3.9	22.5
238	86½	Sheffield Insl	231 †	...	...	2.9	56.7
167	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	167	...	...	1.5	24.9
95	66	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.3	19.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Stanmin	3½	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	144 †	+2	5.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	172	...	5.8	4.3	11.0
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	118 †	+1	1.0	1.1	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	599	...	33.0	7.0	19.2
39	19	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
277	168	Travis Perkins	273	...	8.0	3.7	47.6
40	28	Try Group	29 †	...	1.0	4.3	8.2
28	25	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
89½	41	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.8	29.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	300	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.6	18.2
26	8	Wescol▲	22	...	...	...	...
166	90	Westbury	166	+1	5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
469	371	Wilson Bowdn	460 †	-2	8.7	2.4	31.6
205	147	Wilson (C)	191 †	-3	3.9	2.6	33.1
194	104	Wimpey G	172 †	+2	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	34	+2	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	635	-10	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	142	-2	...	4.7	25.4
138	84	BET Ord	129½	+½	...	3.1	5.2
101	41	BNB Res	101	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	219	...	8.0	4.6	14.9
24	15	Boustead	23	...	0.7	...	...
266	184	Brit Data Mgt	243	-1	4.7	2.5	17.5
26	11	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	66	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	100 †	...	...	3.5	17.7
193	139½	Capita Group	187	...	...	1.4	29.2
45	31	Casket Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	346	+7	...	1.7	21.5
100	18	Comac▲	94	...	...	2.0	23.5
34	6½	Corp Services	31	...	...	...	...
56	20	Coutts Cnslig	56	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	104	...	3.3	4.0	14.1
256	198	Davis Service	227 †	...	...	4.4	17.1
104	85	EW Fact▲	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	31	+½	0.6	...	21.5
257	215	Hays	252½	+½	5.3	2.7	∞
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	226	+1	...	3.7	16.5
70	35	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
208	127	Hutch Whamp	206	+4	...	2.3	17.2
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1975	+50	...	5.3	2.6
637	511	Inchcape	515	-10	...	3.4	16.6
863	669	Johnson Clean	856	+1	25.7	3.8	18.7
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	279	-4	3.5	1.6	21.7
1187	893	Manpower	1054	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	61½†	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
279	125	Pennon▲	130	...	...	9.6	4.9
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	-½	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	82	-1	...	...	4.4
423	337	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
118	86	REA	86	...	4.0	5.8	...
106	43	Reed Executive	105	+1	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec▲	114	...	...	4.9	24.7
238	178	Rentokil	213 †	+1	2.3	1.4	26.6
283	220	Rotle & Nolan	250	...	...	3.6	14.1
399	334	Salvesen (C)	380	+3	...	2.7	19.8
39	26	Scott Pickerd▲	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
7½	5	Select Appt▲	7½	+1	...	...	...
1148	695	Serco Gp	1148	...	14.0	1.5	31.8
352	124	Sherwd Cmpt▲	148 †	...	...	5.9	4.3
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	344	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
35	27	Wetpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	0.4	2.1	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	244	...	...	2.2	21.5
861	613	Amersham	850	+1	...	2.0	29.4
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£105	8325	BASF DM	£105	+12½	...	6.3	...
297	190	BTP	220	...	...	4.3	18.6
£124½	£103½	Bayer DM50	£124½	+21½	...	4.4	...
178	134	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.2	10.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	384	...	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.3	34.7
157	126	Canning (W)	155	...	7.2	6.0	17.4
608	504	Courtaulds	516	-1	...	3.4	13.7
335	228	Croda	330 †	...	...	2.9	18.9
140	121	Doeflex	135	...	4.6	4.3	10.4
225	175	Ellis & Everard	213	...	...	4.1	20.4
35½	15½	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	2.9	21.4
334	259	Halstead (J)	333	...	...	2.3	16.7
241	167	Hickson	182 †	-1	...	5.5	16.9
£114½	8950	Hoechst	£112½	+12½	...	3.2	...
228	195	Holliday Chem	228	+1	...	2.0	21.0
740½	608	ICI	716	+2	...	4.8	...
688	576	Laporte	651 †	...	19.5	3.7	18.0
230	181	Leigh	220	...	...	4.4	21.2
97½	35	MTM	59	...	...	...	...

Paterson Zochonis to Zeneca (continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1800	+37½	...	1.6	25.6
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	410	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
265	173	Porvair	265 †	...	3.6	1.7	28.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	56	-3	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	460	+1	16.0	4.3	18.5
535	395	Wlstnhlme R	520	...	17.0	4.1	17.6
401	330	Yorks Chem	387	+1	...	2.5	20.7
306	238	Yule Catto	249	-2	5.9	3.0	15.0
765	593	Zeneca	719 †	+6	...	4.8	42.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66	...	...	...	...
87	42	Amber Day	73	...	3.1	5.3	20.0
352	257	Argos Plc	344	-2	...	2.6	29.2
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	88	...	0.1	0.1	...
318	278	Asprey	317	-1	5.1	2.0	22.0
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150 †	...	...	5.0	15.1
121	94	Bentalls	104 †	...	1.9	2.3	...
276	202	Betterware	208	+1	...	1.2	24.9
41	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
227	133	Body Shop	175	...	...	1.2	22.6
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	12½	-½	...	0.8	6.1
401	318	Brown (N)	400	+2	...	2.2	23.5
87½	64½	Burton	73½	-½	...	3.4	...
156	126	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.3	∞
360	295	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	20.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	150	...	4.2	3.4	18.8
262	212	Coats Viyella	254½†	...	...	3.6	35.2
112	78	Colourviston▲	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	695	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
129	80	Daisy Farm Intl	122 †	+4	...	2.9	17.9
87	51½	Dewalrn (LJ)	82½†	...	1.0	1.5	56.5
281	189	Dixons Grp	260	-1	...	3.0	...
413	320	Dunhill	370	...	8.1	2.8	14.4
21	8	ERA Gp	9	-1	...	...	73.8
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	163	-1	...	2.1	27.6
275	203	Etam	268	...	6.0	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	589	...	12.7	2.7	19.2
68	26	Fired Earth Tiles	68	+4	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	36	French Conn▲	148	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Genl SE	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
78	25	Goldsmiths Gp	72	...	0.3	0.5	...
4050	2400	GUS	4050	...	...	1.4	31.6
2265	1563	-do- 'A'	2210	-18	...	2.5	17.1
40	26	Hampden Grp▲	27	...	...	4.6	12.4
277	30	Harstone	69	...	...	5.1	...
27	20	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
73	29	Heritage▲	73	+1	...	...	...
72	35	Honeysuckle▲	72	+2	...	1.7	10.2
153	63	Jacques Vert	150	+8	...	2.5	11.5
691	496	Kingfisher	650 †	-10	...	2.6	22.4
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	575	...	7.2	1.6	67.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	260	...	5.5	2.6	10.2
155	130	MFI	145½	+1½	...	3.2	30.6
393½	311	Marks Spencer	387½	...	...	2.6	21.3
569	445	Menzies (John)	569 †	+12	...	2.4	16.1
250	135	Moss Bros	239	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
212	139½	Next	193	-1	2.5	1.6	22.0
41	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
63	38½	Pentos	44	-2½	1.5	...	9.2
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	-5	5.1	3.4	13.5
43	20½	Rhino Grp▲	41½	+½	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	-3	...	2.1	13.8
119½	93	Sears	112	+1	...	3.0	...
41½	11	Signet Group	27½	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	439	-3	...	4.0	14.4
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	19	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	220	...	...	2.8	28.4
191	148	T & S Stores	152	...	5.9	4.9	11.1
160	71	Tie Rack	155	...	1.0	0.8	25.4
231	160	Time Products	220	-1	7.5	4.3	19.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	124	+7	...	6.2	∞
45	27	Vival	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	109	...	...	0.2	49.5
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
198	14½	Wyevale▲	188 †	...	...	2.7	24.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	176	+1	...	3.6	17.7
240	223	Acal▲	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	94	+6	...	...	47.6
480	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
170	104	Alba	170 †	...	...	3.6	21.3
50	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
47	22	Amstrad	44½	...	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo▲	73	-2	...	...	...
41	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	79	...	...	0.4	1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	245	+1	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	4	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	433	-5	19.2	5.6	...
575	435	Blick	464	...	9.2	2.5	18.1
1700	925	Borland▲	1150	+150	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	356	...	6.3	2.3	23.1
445½	376	BT	432½	-3	...	4.3	20.4
191	150	BT P/P	188½	-1½	...	4.3	21.2
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	104	Burnfield	104 †	-2	5.7	6.9	16.4
909	669	Cable Wireless	893	+3	...	2.1	23.3
24½	11½	Chloride	23	+½	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Comptr People	102	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	148	-1	...	1.3	15.2
430	243	Critchley	429	...	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	536 †	+8	...	3.3	22.4
360	205	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	469	-2	7.2	1.9	16.0
65	48	Dowding Mills	61 †	...	2.5	5.1	∞
1105	865	Drucks	1103	...	10.0	1.1	23.5
469	358	Electrocompnts	441	...	...	2.2	18.0
580	470	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	130 †	...	2.6	2.5	28.5
30½	10½	Emess	23	...	0.1	0.5	...
602	442	Eurotherm	600	...	8.0	1.7	27.3
157½	108	FKI	157½	+5½	...	2.4	23.1
465	340	Farnell Elect	457	...	...	1.7	34.2
91	33	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
18	7½	Ferranti	9½	...	...	...	...
283	101	First Tech	260	-3	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp▲	259	...	...	1.6	23.4
22½	16	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	355½	-2½	10.3	3.6	17.8
199	132	Graseby	186	...	...	7.3	39.1
14½	7½	Graystone	12	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare▲	36	...	...	1.7	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	145	...	...	2.7	10.3
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	3.9	15.2
19	8	Kenilworth	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
343	260	Kenwood App	341	...	...	2.9	19.1
236	47	Kewill Sys▲	234	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	164	+6	5.5	4.2	19.4
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	31	...	...	...	...
365	122	LPMS▲	260	...	...	0.4	36.7
300	240	Lec Refrig	240	...	9.0	4.7	...
179	129	Life Sciences	134	+1	3.5	3.3	14.5
269	164	Logica	253 †	...	4.0	2.0	∞
55	44	LPA Ind▲	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	218	+1	4.3	2.5	20.8
683	523	Macro 4	678 †	+8	...	3.3	20.6
240	175½	Memvier-Swa	240 †	+2	...	1.9	21.3
3013	1735	Micro Focus	1760	+2	...	...	16.2
205	147	Microgen	164	...	...	7.2	5.5	11.2
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	30½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	501	+3	...	1.7	18.3
584	98	Mitel	504	-24	...	...	...
139	108	MMT Comp▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
50½	16	Molynx	48½	-½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	254	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	105	Multitone Elect	118	+1	3.5	3.7	∞
221	116	Murray Enter	208	+1	1.8	1.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	3037½	-62½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
239	58	Norbain▲	239 †	+2	...	0.8	18.4
75	20	Northamber	52	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	229	...	4.5	2.0	19.2
83	48	P-E Internl	74	-1	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	72	-1	1.4	2.4	38.2
80	55	Peek	77	+1	3.4	5.6	19.8
222	115	Pegasus▲	209 †	...	...	3.8	53.6
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1350	725	-do- Lmp nv	1350	+25	...	...	...
256	211	Phonelink▲	256	+1	...	...	...
290	171½	Pilco	273	-14	...	1.9	23.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	265	-14	...	1.9	22.2
96	63	Plasmec▲	63 †	-1	...	...	5.3
120	76	Pressac	108	...	2.4	2.8	21.8
135	81	Prism▲	131	+3	...	2.4	34.8
261	160	Racal Elect	230	+3	4.2	2.3	13.7
70	45	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius▲	34	+1	2.7	...	11.7
92	61	Real Time ▲	64	-2	...	5.9	13.1
35	18	Riva▲	22	...	...	...	27.9
489	367	Sage Gp	450	+1	9.0	2.5	14.4
348	222	Sanderson Elec	340	...	9.0	3.3	14.5
88	49	Scantronic	79	...	3.1	4.9	19.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	173 †	...	5.0	3.6	∞
375	270	Sema Gp	335 †	...	2.8	1.0	27.2
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	3.1	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2275	-50	...	1.4	25.7
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	13	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	197	+3	0.8	0.5	32.5
1017	809	THORN EMI	962	+20	...	4.2	19.7
125	96	Thorpe FW	125	+17	2.6	2.7	∞
103	55	Total Systems▲	55	...	3.0	6.8	9.2
509	372	Tunstall	504	+1	6.0	1.5	20.2
294	164	Unitech	286	...	...	2.7	67.8
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
585	367	Vodafone	503	+6	...	1.7	22.8
473	368	Volex	456	...	17.8	4.9	18.7
26	11	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	287	...	11.7	5.1	30.5

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
549	389	East Midlands	538	+1	...	4.5	10.1
569	399	Eastern Elect	559	+20	...	4.3	11.2
385	304	Hydro-Elect	384	+6	...	3.7	13.9
576	404	London Elect	568	+2	...	4.3	12.6
618	458	Manweb	610	-1	...	4.3	8.8
591	424½	Midlands Elec	577	+2	...	4.3	10.3
394½	273	National Powr	393½	+6	...	3.4	11.7
616	440	Northern Elec	608	+3	...	4.4	8.8
188	100	Nthn Ireland	187	+3	...	4.1	10.3
607	439	Norweb	588	+1	20.0	4.3	9.1
430	273	PowerGen	427½†	+5½	...	3.1	11.3
383½	285	Scottish Power	382	+8	...	3.6	14.2
626	436	Seeboard	615	-3	...	4.1	9.9
619	469	Sth Wales	610	-4	...	4.6	10.2
577	426	Sth Western	568	-2	...	4.4	9.0
575	406	Southern Elec	567	+1	...	4.3	10.4
595	455	Yorkshire Elec	583	+2	...	4.4	11.0

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD▲	117	...	...	3.4	18.3
101	26	Baltic Plc	98	-2	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	544	-3	...	3.4	20.2
1525	1075	Camellia	1525	...	...	2.4	5.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS (Candover to Trio Hldgs)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313	243	Candover	301 †	-2	10.2	4.3	21.3
150	71	Fleetech▲	145	...	...	0.4	...
335	155	Gowett	325	+1	...	4.9	7.5
188	125	Ivory Sime	167	...	...	4.0	15.7
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	223 †	...	8.4	4.7	16.2
67	47	Manakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	328	...	0.0	2.3	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	-½	...	4.1	14.4
340	253	S & U	329	-2	10.0	3.8	12.1
83	48	Singer & Fried	79 †	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sothebys	790	+2	...	4.3	...
155	83	SJP Capital	151	...	3.0	2.5	63.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2566½	1487½	Amer Express	2387½	-34½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1028	...	...	5.1	23.7
200	92	Invesco	182 †	-2	...	2.1	...
244	164	Jardine Strat	228	...	...	3.4	9.5
256	154	MAI	228	+2	6.0	3.9	∞
692	389	MAM	660	-2	15.0	2.8	16.5
970	633	M & G	943	-1	...	2.8	25.1
342	109	Smith New Ct	334	+10	...	2.2	5.1
81	55	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	Alb Food	482	+1	14.0	3.6	11.0
77½	53	ASDA Group	57½	-2	1.6	3.5	13.8
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	74	-1	3.7	6.3	12.3
407	287	Argyll	294½	+1½	...	4.6	10.9
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Benson Crsp▲	60	-2	...	5.9	13.5
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	405	...	...	6.8	34.5
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	483	...	6.2	1.6	20.0
51	38	Budgen	46	...	...	2.7	14.0
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	451	-4	...	3.7	15.9
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	44.5
384	150	Dalepak	170	-5	6.0	4.4	13.4
521	424	Dalgety	485	...	...	5.4	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
242	191	Devro	232	-1	...	3.0	22.1
134	99	Everest	107	...	3.7	4.4	∞
372	269	Farepak	372	...	5.7	1.9	22.9
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	75	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	95	...	...	1.7	17.1
483	328	Geest	371	...	8.1	2.8	16.5
16	7	Global▲	14½	...	...	4.4	22.3
47	43	Grand Central	46	...	1.2	3.4	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	174	...	...	4.6	9.8
175	131	Hillsdown	160	-7	8.8	7.0	12.4
250	181	Iceland Group	193 †	+1	...	2.2	12.2
131	103	JLI Group	118	...	...	4.9	13.1
853	654	Kwik Save	654	-3	16.0	3.1	12.5
262	174	Low (Wm)	174	-6	8.4	6.0	8.4
83	41	Matthews (B)	81 †	-1	2.2	3.5	53.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	1.1	8.1	34.8
174	99	Morrison (W)	100	-1	...	1.0	13.0
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	250	-3	...	4.2	12.4
20½	9½	Nrthmbn Fn▲	11	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	187 †	...	...	4.1	10.4
250	205	Park Foods	232	-1	...	3.3	17.9
115	78	Perkins Food	89 †	...	...	6.2	10.2
109	47	PizzaExpress	107	...	...	0.6	61.2
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	5½	...	...	...	...
584	419	Sainsbury J	429½	-6	...	2.9	15.1
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
225	94	Sims Food	118	...	...	7.9	22.7
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	374	-2	12.0	4.0	11.8
273	195	Tesco	197½	-1½	...	4.6	8.9
211	123	Thorntons	160	...	3.6	2.8	15.1
183	101	Treats	160	...	...	2.8	18.3
410	300	Unigate	387	-1	...	5.2	12.7
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	351	-3	...	5.5	21.4
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	4.9	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	303	...	13.3	5.5	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	...	...	...
91	77	Cty Centre Rest	90½	...	1.5	2.2	21.8
250	170	Forte	227	-10	...	4.2	17.6
220	155	Friendly Hotels	164 †	...	...	4.4	31.3
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	10	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	128½	+6	...	5.0	10.3
222½	154	Ladbroke	185½	-6½	11.1	7.7	15.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	64	...	...	3.3	15.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18	...	...	6.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	62	+1	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	56	...	...	19.6	3.4
616	455	AAH	536	-2	...	4.0	17.2
185	140	AIM	182	+1	7.5	5.2	11.0
132	88	APV	98 †	...	...	6.9	...
238	81	ASW	207 †	-2	...	3.6	...
186½	118	Adwest	176 †	-7	...	5.3	∞
29	10	Aerospace Eng	21	...	...	4.5	27.6
280	249	Airsprung	280	...	...	2.0	17.9
160	113	Alexdra W	160	...	3.8	3.0	44.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	9½	...	...	...	...
585	415	Allmasc	579	...	...	2.6	16.8
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	18	Amberley Gp▲	40 #	...	...	3.1	...
107	78	Anagen	79	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	82	+2	...	6.7	...
945	703	Antofagasta	935	+12	...	2.2	17.2
54½	37	Armour	50½	-1½	1.6	4.2	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	404	Avon Rubber	518	...	...	4.0	20.7
250	168	Assoc Nursg▲	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
687½	528	Atlas Equip	533	-147	...	5.2	13.3
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	168½	-2½	...	5.6	14.3
65	28	BLP Group▲	53	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	20½	...	5.0	...	0.9
770	625	BOC	627	...	23.2	4.6	13.8
79½	62	BSG	73	...	...	5.5	25.2
487	353	BSS Group	462	...	...	4.7	22.7
409½	318	BTR	371½†	-2	...	3.6	20.8
221	135	BWI	160	-2	6.7	5.2	15.4
35	29	Babcock	33	-1	...	8.0	19.7
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	-1	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	279	...	8.9	4.0	19.1
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	658½	+25	...	5.1	3.8
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	62 †	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	6½	-½	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham▲	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	29	+1	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16½	...	0.3	2.3	∞
707	461	Bespak	520	...	10.0	2.4	16.3
133	73	Bibby (J)	85	...	9.7	...	5.0
312	129	Billam (J)	250 †	...	5.0	2.5	12.6
41	21½	Bilston Batrsea▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
202	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
230	136	Black (Peter)	230 †	...	3.7	2.0	20.2
562	129	Bluebird Toys▲	495	+18	...	1.1	15.1
322	247	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.2	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	480	+2	...	3.5	17.8
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	454	-4	...	3.2	19.0
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1218 †	-6	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl▲	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.4	∞
303	204	Brammer	285 †	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
123	64	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gundry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	+½	...	7.8	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
64	42	Br Bloodstock▲	64	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	478	+3	...	2.6	17.0
130	54	Br Steel	128½	+4	...	1.0	...
180	98	Br Syphon	99	...	...	3.8	27.8
185	115	Br Thornton	155	-1	...	2.0	17.0
286	215	Br Vita	235 †	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
15½	9½	Britton Grp	14½	...	...	1.6	...
770	555	Broken Hill	692	+7	...	2.6	32.3
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	108	...	...	5.1	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	61	-2	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	128	...	6.0	5.9	21.9
23	11½	Business Tech▲	17	-½	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	22	...	1.0	...	20.8
25	11	Campbell & Arm	17	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32½	-½	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
251	178	Cardo Eng	250	...	8.6	4.3	17.8
2888	2138	Carnaud Mil	2300	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
210	158	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
71	62	Cathay Intl	62½	-5½	...	...	...
195	113	Chambrlin Hill	180	-5	6.2	4.3	11.2
730	605	Charter	723	+5	...	3.8	17.0
345	220	Chemring	343	...	...	3.0	20.7
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
41	17	Chillington	39	+1	0.2	0.8	...
204	144	Christies Int	196 †	+5	...	1.0	48.7
63	34	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	75	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	309	...	6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Community H	218	...	6.9	4.0	∞
246	186½	Concentric	220	...	...	3.2	18.5
230	120	Cook (Wm)	230	...	5.0	2.7	13.9
233	182	Cookson	194	-1	...	3.9	25.7
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crowll Ptr 'A'	148	+3	5.7	4.9	∞
178	92	Cosalt	133	...	10.7	...	20.2
224	150	Creighton Nt▲	187	+1	...	4.9	13.4
48	22	CrestaCare	37	...	0.5	1.7	31.8
3850	2907½	Dana	3850 †	+137½	...	...	...
238	78½	Danka Bs Sys	238	...	...	0.6	22.6
243	193	David Brown	236	+2	...	3.3	15.9
23	5	Davies (DV)▲	17	-2	...	...	...
157½	103	Lilleshall	140	...	...	3.8	18.4
223	97	Lincat▲	215	...	...	3.6	14.9
24	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	24	+½	...	...	19.8
128	76	Linread	112	...	3.7	4.2	17.1
280	170	Linton Park	250 †	...	...	7.0	9.0
15½	10½	Lionheart	12 †	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	28.1
274	140	Lon Intl	157	...	9.4	7.5	12.0
135	70	Lonrho	123	...	...	4.1	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	346	+1	...	3.3	48.5
329	254	MB-Caradon	319 †	...	...	3.4	25.8
162	128	-do- pf	161½†	+½	7.2	5.6	...
40	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Ind	42	...	...	7.4	43.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
460	370	McKechnie	435	...	14.7	4.2	21.6
106	85	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	3	Maddox	3	...	...	...	16.4
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
192	124	Mayborn▲	191	...	...	3.3	14.5
62	29	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
236	85	Medeva	107	-3½	...	2.6	8.7
118	88	Meggitt	106½	-1½	...	4.5	17.9
125	98	Metalrax	118	...	...	3.9	19.1
154	126	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
95	70	Metsec▲	95	...	...	...	...
89	29	Midsummer	85	+1	...	1.1	11.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	22½	...	0.5	2.8	...
512	368	Molins	512	...	...	3.5	12.2
345	262	Morgan Crble	327	+1	...	4.9	16.8
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	176	...	...	3.8	13.4
33	18	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62 †	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
181	122½	Norcros	175	-2	...	5.0	25.6
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	81	+6	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	36	...	...	6.1	...
140	123	PCT▲	132 †	...	...	6.9	15.0
65	36	Pacer Systems▲	65	+3	...	6.8	...
138	87½	Pentland	89 †	...	...	3.5	12.1
395	310	Photo-Me	323 †	...	4.6	1.8	∞
165	97½	Pilkington	148	+2	...	3.4	...
86	68	Plantsbrook	85 †	...	3.0	4.4	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	147	...	2.1	1.8	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	23	-1	...	6.8	10.5
11½	5½	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	370	...	...	2.2	19.2
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.7	5.7	8.3
64	33½	RPS Group▲	64	...	2.2	4.3	14.1
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ransom Oil▲	120	-2	...	1.0	40.2
823	636	Rank Org	816	-1	31.0	4.7	22.3
33	15	Ransomes	15	...	...	...	...
667	532	Reckitt Colm	622	+4	...	3.3	14.2
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	237	...	4.9	2.6	28.4
303	208	Renishaw	269	...	6.5	3.0	20.6
96	55	Renold	96	...	...	1.3	...
1582	1240	Reuters	1517	-7	21.2	1.7	25.1
57	24½	Rexmore	55	...	1.7	4.0	...
160	91	Ricardo Group	160	+1	5.7	4.6	∞
76	58	Richard (Leics)	76	...	4.4	...	...
98	63	Richardson West	85	...	3.0	4.4	21.8
142	109	Ropner	132 †	-1	8.2	7.8	18.7
136	97	-do- 'A'	124 †	-1	8.2	8.3	17.6
38	24	Ross Gp	38	...	0.6	2.9	11.4
184	131½	Rotork	162 †	-2	...	2.9	18.9
162	89	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	962½	...	...	...	...
54	39	Saville Grdn (J)	53	...	2.2	5.2	∞
248	205	Scapa	213	+2	...	3.3	16.2
238	192	Schol	204 †	...	...	3.9	14.8
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
1083	917	Securicor	1078	...	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
765	562	-do- 'A'	735	...	2.6	0.4	28.0
660	465	Security Serv	640	...	5.0	1.0	31.7
121½	77	Senior Eng	116	-½	...	3.4	19.2
361	229	Seton Health	286	...	...	2.5	16.9
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...

INSURANCE (Alex & Alex to Windsor)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1903½	1437½	Alex & Alex	1450	+12½	...	4.6	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	2162½	-31½	...	3.4	...
51	30	Archer (AJ)	49	...	4.4	...	23.8
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl▲	170	+3	...	3.9	13.2
148	118	Bradstock	125	-4	5.1	5.1	15.4
498	359½	Britannic	479	...	...	2.9	...
667	556	Com Union	613	+6	...	5.0	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1700	...	...	1.7	∞
39	18	FAI	37	+2	...	...	...
704	546	Gen Accident	701	-1	26.7	4.8	...
225	160	GRE	213	-2	7.0	4.2	17.5
412	283	Heath C E	390	-6	...	5.1	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	170	-2	8.1	6.1	15.1
215	162	JIB Group	171 ↓	+1	...	5.5	17.5
513	408½	Legal & Gen	486 †	+1	...	4.9	28.5
1092	768	Liberty Life	1001	+35	...	2.6	19.5
485	403	Lloyds Abbey	438	...	17.3	4.9	15.8
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	289	+1	6.7	2.9	∞
368	274	Londn & Man	368	+3	14.2	4.9	26.7
427	321	Lowndes Lmb	402	-8	13.5	4.2	14.4
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5793½	-56½	...	3.1	...
115	76	Oriel	114	...	...	5.6	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
350	282½	Prudential	342 †	-2	...	4.3	22.7
1138	800	Refuge	1060	...	31.5	3.8	28.1
347	248	Royal	305	...	...	2.7	...
204	150	Sedgwick	176	-5	...	4.3	21.7
261	119	Steel Burrill	134 †	+6	...	...	7.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	8.2	...	8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	385	+1	14.2	4.7	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	640 †	...	14.5	2.8	27.9
242	171	Willis Corroon	220	+4	...	3.8	47.3
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1744	-1	45.0	3.2	38.2
264	226½	Amer Trust	259	+1	4.9	2.4	53.7
404	304	Ang & O'seas	398	+1	6.8	2.2	50.5
146½	124	BZW Conv	145 †	+1	7.8	6.7	∞
186	139½	Bankers	183	+1	3.4	2.4	50.1
317	264	Baring Tribne	308	...	6.4	2.6	48.7
193	131	Berry Starq	193	...	2.2	1.4	62.7
110	96½	Br Assets	105½	+½	...	5.1	25.8
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	80	+½	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	27	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	192	...	4.5	2.9	43.3
191	130	Contl Asset	185	+1	2.4	1.6	61.5
195	143	Derby Inc	151	...	...	11.8	9.1
280	195	-do- Cap	280	...	...	...	...
83	62	Drayton Blue	83	+2	8.4	12.7	9.2
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	83	...	1.2	1.8	...
133	84	-do- Far East	124½	+3½	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	114	...	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	650	...	...	5.0	29.9
100	91½	-do- Japan	91½	-½	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wwde	676	+1	9.5	1.8	69.6
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	29.3
304	250½	Edinburgh	283	...	8.4	3.6	32.1
287	183	Electra Inv	281	+1	6.7	3.0	38.3
190	141	Electric Gen	180	...	3.1	2.2	56.1
113	85	English Scot	109	+½	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	289	...	...	2.5	37.5
128	77	Finsbury 'A'	128	+2	3.0	2.9	41.2
291	248	Fleming Amer	288	+1	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	207 †	+3	...	3.2	40.8
318	212	Do Contl	306	+4	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Emrg	195	...	...	3.0	39.4
334	213	-do- F East	318	+4	1.1	0.4	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	323	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	100	...	...	5.5	17.1
260	136	-do- Japan	239	+7	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	278	...	6.7	3.0	59.5
292	212	-do- O'seas	285 †	+2	4.2	1.8	59.7
258	208	Foreign & Col	248	+1	...	1.7	67.5
62	44	-do- Emerging	60½	...	0.4	0.9	...
214	164	-do- Eurotst	210	+2	1.2	0.7	...
125	87	-do- German	119	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	291	+3	...	0.9	...
164	116	-do- Smaller	164	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	243	+9	...	0.6	∞
150	65	Genl Cons Cap	147	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	112	+1	...	9.4	11.6
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	142	...	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	312	+3	0.9	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strategy	269	+1	...	3.1	37.1
400	340	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	139½	...	5.1	4.6	28.0
97	77	I&S UK Smlr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
209	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	202	+1½	5.0	3.1	39.3
239	176	-do- O'seas	229	+1	3.3	1.8	65.1
130	108	-do- Smlr	129 †	...	...	3.4	31.3
680	540	Law Debenture	668	+8	18.2	3.4	33.4
197	164	Majedie	193	...	...	3.1	37.3

Merchants to Woodside (Investment Trusts continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
272	221	Merchants	268	+1	...	5.2	24.7
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6675 †	-12½	...	...	...
490	383	Monks Inv Tst	482	...	...	1.7	61.1
133	106	Morg Gren Inc	128½	...	...	4.5	28.5
49	23	Do Warrants	48	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	52	...	0.1	0.4	...
31	4½	Do Wts	14½	...	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	340	+2	10.9	4.0	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	338	+1	11.6	4.5	29.3
382	263	-do- Small	370	+2	...	1.4	...
101	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	122	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2875	...	...	4.6	...
155½	142½	-do- S/C DP	155½	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	304	+2	10.9	4.6	∞
103½	56½	New Frontier	103½	...	0.2	0.3	...
89	68	Nthrng Inc	89	+1	6.7	9.6	16.4
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	325	+1	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	390	+3	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	294	+4	...	...	...
8300	7050	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	149	...	...	1.1	1.0	...
126	108	River & Merc	122	-2	9.2	9.4	12.2
465	350	Robeco	405	...	...	3.1	...
435	346	Rolinco	408	...	...	1.9	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	274	...	7.5	3.4	30.8
156½	131	Scot American	151	+½	...	3.8	31.9
225	136	Scott Asian	224	+3	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	505	...	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	77½	-½	1.5	2.4	51.1
222	183	Scottish	217	...	4.6	2.7	45.6
225	178	-do- Mtge	211	-1	4.0	2.4	54.8
96½	71	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.3	68.4
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1530 †	+1	39.0	3.2	∞
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	+1	3.2	4.6	28.9
157	109½	Selective Asset	154	...	1.2	1.0	55.4
36	14	Sphere Inv	36	...	3.1	11.0	11.4
164	112	TR Far East	153	+1	4.5	3.7	33.6
154	126	TR City Of Lon	148½	+½	4.8	4.0	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	163	+2	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	31½	+1½	0.9	3.6	32.8
101	47	TR Tech Inv	97	+1	1.7	2.3	36.0
198	146	TR Smlr Cos	186	+1	...	2.6	43.0
348	283	Temple Bar	338	+1	13.2	4.9	25.3
97	69	Thmpsn Asian E	95	...	0.5	0.7	...
78½	54	Throgmorton	76	...	2.3	3.8	31.0
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	513	...	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	224 †	...	4.5	2.5	41.2
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.2
716	542	Whitbread Inv	680	...	16.5	3.0	40.9
216	181	Witan	211	...	5.6	3.3	37.0
24	8½	Mid Scot Res▲	9	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	52½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
36	27	Oil Search	30	+2	...	...	...
17	11½	Petrez	17	...	...	...	...
144	99	Pict Pet	134	+1	...	...	∞
29½	18	Premier	21½	-½	...	...	7.8
115	80	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
393	280	Ranger	348	+3	...	4.6	...
6750	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6750	+75	...	4.6	16.8
4500	3800	Schlumberger	4400	-162½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	52	-2	...	...	...
682	515	Shell	670 †	+5	21.9	4.1	20.6
203	173	Sntrist Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	22	-½	...	...	...
15	6	Vlliers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	159	+11	...	2.2	...

Diploma to Foss Lab (Industrials continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	632	De La Rue	685	+1	...	3.1	18.2
27	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.7	20.3
553	391	Diploma	550	+1	9.2	2.2	28.6
79	50	Dobson Park	77	...	5.7	...	13.9
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	30.6
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	410	...	...	3.9	16.1
28	19	Eldef	24	...	...	...	...
43	10	Eleco	26	+1	...	...	0.00
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	+9½	...	2.7	...
76	45	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	413	-4	...	8.2	23.7
138	111	Environmed	138	+10	...	...	59.3
3575	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3575	+34½	...	0.8	...
74	32	Eurocopy	73	+4	1.6	...	28.3
87	47	Expamet	76	...	...	...	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	679	...	10.2	1.9	20.8
100	53	Fenner	100	+14	...	...	18.9
66	32	Ferraris Group	58	+2	...	2.2	13.6
1½	½	Fermmet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	16	+1	2.5	...	11.2
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	149	Fisons	166	-1	...	6.7	15.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	9.6	...
288	215	Flogas	288 †	...	...	3.5	∞
43	37	Folkes Group nv	37 †	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
86	56	French (Thomas)	81	...	3.6	5.6	43.0
240	166½	Frost Group	218 †	...	...	2.3	27.5
88	71	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	460	-8	...	5.6	30.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
101	79	Garton Eng	98	...	4.0	5.2	...
166	103	Cestetner	146	...	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Glaves	36	...	...	...	26.0
801	509	Glaxo	631 †	-10	...	4.4	16.3
38	16	Glenchewton	34	...	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	309	...	11.6	4.8	28.7
126	66	Goode Durrant	115	...	...	5.9	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	135	-2	5.5	5.1	23.4
456	341	Granada	450	...	7.7	2.1	24.0
410	301	Great Shrm▲	410 †	...	...	3.4	16.9
117	78	Green (Ernst)▲	94	...	...	9.2	∞
15½	8½	Greencare▲	15	+½	...	2.4	14.7
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
62	39½	Haden Maclin	62 †	...	...	4.0	22.4
93	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	93	+6	...	0.7	...
290	115	Hall Eng	276 †	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	203	+5	...	1.2	27.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	249½	+½	...	5.7	12.7
221	153	Harris (Philip)	162	...	...	5.3	9.8
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	189	...	9.0	6.1	26.8
69	38	Havelock Euro	69	+1	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	25 †	...	0.7	3.5	∞
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Heywood	387	...	14.8	4.9	16.4
228	160	Hewitt (J)	194 †	...	3.0	1.9	15.2
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
19½	6½	Hobson▲	16	-1	...	...	77.0
172	87	Holders Tech▲	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
32	30	Hopkinsons	30	+1	1.3	...	37.4
167	133	Hornby▲	162	+1	...	6.9	15.3
88	54½	Howden	79	...	2.2	3.5	14.6
260	173	Hunting	237	+1	...	5.3	20.0
503	269½	Huntigh Tec▲	485	+37	...	2.6	12.3
312	247	IMI	289 †	...	...	4.3	25.6
119	90	ISA Intl	114	+1	1.5	1.2	17.6
205	142	Intercare Gp▲	142	-2	...	2.3	15.0
286	235	Isotron	280 †	...	4.3	1.9	∞
547	360	Jardine Math	538	+6	...	2.3	19.5
537	425	Johnson Math	473	+4	...	2.7	20.7
64	36½	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	150	...	3.2	2.7	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	22	+1	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	164	-1	...	3.4	22.8
287	220	Kelsey Ind	220	-3	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
235	75	Kleeneze	202	-2	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
351	266	Laird	330 †	...	...	4.0	16.3

Shiloh to Young (H) (Industrials continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
133	88	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
344	281	Siebe	317	...	...	3.9	20.3
561	427	Siebe	515	-1	...	2.3	14.8
375	220	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	22.0
131	102	Sime Darby	127	...	...	4.2	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	67	+5	...	...	...
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	210	...	7.0	4.2	13.5
47	36	Sir Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	145½	-½	...	4.0	16.0
513	389	Smithklne	406½	+4	8.6	2.6	14.7
458	340	Smthklne Uts	359	-1½	...	3.6	12.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	363	-1	11.2	3.9	14.8
140	58	Sthn Bus	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
444	265	Spandex	444	...	...	1.8	19.6
650	300	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.8
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	364	...	...	3.3	22.4
145	44	Spring Ram	62	-1	...	...	16.1
270	222	Staveley	230	...	...	4.6	13.0
164	126	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.3	24.8
187	97	Suter	170 †	...	8.8	6.5	17.8
381	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	350	+5	...	2.6	∞
7	3½	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	-8	...	...	10.3
149	120	Syltone	148 †	...	...	4.0	19.7
374	279	TI	341	-3	...	3.9	23.3
32	12	TLS Range▲	31½	+1½	...	1.0	...
298	211	TT Group	297	+2	...	2.8	18.3
240	220	Takare	226	...	1.8	1.0	19.5
868	618	Takeda Chem	863	+6	...	0.7	16.4
66	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.7	15.6
240	150	Titon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
271	212½	Tomkins	239½	...	...	3.3	17.6
112	67	Trafalgar H	104	+2	...	3.9	7.8
570	346	Transfer Tech	493	+2	16.0	4.1	12.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
264	214	UniChem	264	...	5.6	2.7	17.1
375	275½	Unidare	368	...	...	5.5	18.1
76	11½	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1057	-13	21.3	2.5	14.4
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7175	-25	...	2.9	11.8
915	513	VSEL	858	...	...	4.2	9.3
11	6½	Vecson	11	+2½	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	158	-1	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	288	...	...	3.4	14.2
444	283	Vinten	437	+1	...	2.0	20.2
694	427	Vosper Thorny	694	...	...	2.8	16.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	42 †	...	...	...	10.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	436	+3	...	5.0	19.2
98	71	Walker Greenbk	91	...	3.1	4.3	23.2
258	201	Wassall	250 †	...	2.5	1.2	25.2
42	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	39	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	307	...	...	2.4	17.3
993	600	Wellcome	696	-12	13.0	2.3	19.2
23½	18½	Wellman	19	...	0.9	5.9	31.0
346	260	West Hlthcare	346	+2	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	483	...	9.5	2.5	16.2
353	267	Whessoe	270	...	...	3.2	10.5
66	27	Whitecroft	66	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	128 †	-2	3.5	...	37.5
365	295½	Williams Hldg	322 †	-3	12.5	4.9	16.8
36½	17	Wilshaw	35	+1	...	1.8	22.1
661	533	Wolseley	651	+3	12.5	2.4	22.6
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	38	...	...	3.3	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	269	Airtours	406	+4	7.2	2.2	14.4
64	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
376	194	Anglia TV	376	+1	...	3.1	17.3
103	53	Baldwin	84	...	3.0	4.5	11.4
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	227	...	10.0	5.6	14.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1205	...	22.0	2.3	18.0
153	90	Border TV▲	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	6	+½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	7½	-½	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	142	...	...	10.6	...
230	171	Capital Radio	220	+1	5.2	3.0	25.4
818	718	Carlton Comm	749	+4	17.0	2.8	22.1
200	158	Castle Comm▲	188	...	...	5.7	17.2
2108	1615	Central TV	2045	-13	38.0	2.3	22.2
134	61	Chrysalis	116	+9	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	568	-1	...	2.9	17.0
350	175	Eurocamp	197	...	9.7	6.2	8.1
1180	610	Euro Disney	693	...	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	-½	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	37	-½	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	314	...	10.5	4.2	...
378	268	First Leisure	273½	-7½	6.1	2.8	18.9
578	298	GWR Gp▲	578	+20	...	1.5	29.7
246	149	Grampian	246	...	6.1	3.1	17.0
20	4½	Greenwich Com▲	20	...	...	...	...
76	19	HTV Group	73	-1	...	...	32.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	58	...	...	4.3	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10	-½	...	...	...
502	405	LWT Hldgs	500	...	...	1.2	23.1
519	327	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	59	Owners Abrd	79 †	-4	3.5	5.5	6.3
74	33	The Pelican Gp	63	-1	...	2.2	14.8
160	55	Prism Leisure▲	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
31	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	187	-1	...	3.0	24.8
553	431	Scot TV	478	...	9.9	2.6	23.5
65	37	Southern Radio	56	-1	0.7	1.8	23.3
360	168	Stanley Leisure	232	-1	4.3	2.3	18.3
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	104	+3	...	...	3.4
78	44	Trans World▲	51 †	...	...	2.0	18.6
499	274	Ulster TV	499 †	...	10.0	2.5	15.3
101	62	Vardon	94 †	...	0.7	1.0	22.2
22	11	Wembley	18	...	0.2	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	39	...	...	...	...
233	110	Yorkshire TV	232	+2	12.0	6.5	7.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4450	+62½	...	4.6	22.6
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1525	+37½	...	5.9	8.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2037½	+50	...	3.4	17.7
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	31½	+1½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	119	+3	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	39½	+½	...	...	2.1
871	233	Buffels	621	+16	...	10.2	∞
2½	1	Bute	1½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	630	...	...	3.2	21.6
43½	11	Cluff Res	28	-½	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1225	...	...	4.0	16.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	102	+1	...	1.8	12.3
66	7	Doornfontein	46	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	712	+9	...	4.1	14.1
709	120	Durban	449	+19	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	124	+7	...	9.2	3.6
270	54	E Rand Prop	208	+10	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	366	+11	...	3.3	9.0
899	292	FS Cons	712	+1	...	7.0	8.9
80	8	FS Dev	38	-5	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1200	...	...	3.3	20.8
180	125	Gencor	162	+7	...	5.4	13.3
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	42½	...	...	3.1	11.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	113	+4	...	9.0	7.0
360	78	Harmony	276	-2	...	3.6	...
425	87	Hartles	316	+12	...	6.0	12.5
16	8½	Inoco▲	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	697	...	...	4.0	23.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	833	+23	...	3.9	9.6
913	319	Kloof	666	+9	...	3.2	9.4
137	25	Leslie	92	+4	...	4.4	9.7
219	13	Loraine	149	...	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	750	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	80	MIM	81	+1	...	2.8	39.2
1265	820	Minorco	1236	+19	...	3.1	∞
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	123½	-1½	...	3.9	20.5
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1750	+25	...	7.3	14.1
746	607	RTZ	679	-5	...	3.9	18.8
637½	125	Rand Mines	596½	...	...	11.0	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	525	+12	...	5.6	∞
192	115	Renison	137	...	...	3.2	14.2
1200	860	Rustnbrg	1012½	+37½	...	3.2	∞
595	191	St Helena	474	+3	...	5.1	10.0
2168	475	Southvaal	1441	+27	...	3.9	26.2
119	18	Stilfontein	70	+7	...	8.9	12.6
201	58	Unisel	122	+11	...	2.5	12.4
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4560	+50	...	4.7	8.2
582	154	Welkom	470	+3	...	7.0	14.7
351	26	Western Areas	296	+18	...	2.3	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1800	...	...	3.4	8.7
283	176	Wstrn Mining	258 †	...	...	2.3	∞
1029	323	Winkels	824	+6	...	1.7	7.1
84	56	Zambia Copper	73	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	48	...	...	6.3	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
153	78	Appleyard	133 †	+4	...	4.3	...
335	203	Blechley Mtr	318 †	-2	...	3.5	16.2
169	120	Bostrom	169	+1	6.0	4.5	29.5
466	165	Br Aerospace	419 †	-1	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	46	...	...	3.2	12.2
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	2.9	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	251	-3	6.2	3.1	19.1
140	86	Dag Motors	140	...	8.7	5.2	25.0
155	102½	Dawpnt Vern	154	...	...	3.3	19.5
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	137	...	...	3.2	19.3
402	208	Evans Halshaw	399	...	11.8	3.5	61.5
290	226	FR Group	258	...	...	3.5	12.0
3703½	2843½	Ford Motor	3659½†	-62½	...	...	...
3312½	2147½	General Mtr	2912½	-62½	...	1.8	...
75	38	Gowrings	60 †	...	2.0	4.2	...
247	85	Henlys	231	-2	3.0	1.6	...
982	650	Honda Motor	953	...	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	60	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
173	97	Kwik-Fit	165 †	...	...	2.5	23.3
420	281	Lex Service	403½	...	...	3.3	22.1
164	85	Lookers	144	-10	6.2	5.4	...
164	126	Lucas	149	-1	7.0	5.9	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	260 †	...	...	3.2	21.4
190	101½	Perry Gp	179 †	-4	...	5.0	...
190	108	Quicks Group	172	-4	...	3.3	22.0
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	149½	+½	...	4.2	...
220	164	T & N	192 †	-½	...	7.1	27.3
175	163	Trinity Hldgs	220	+5	...	3.2	20.4
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	166	+1	...	3.2	23.2
353	121	Westland	230	-9	4.2	2.3	20.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	191 †	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
608	290	Blenheim Gp	324	...	...	3.5	11.9
370	275	Bristol	350	...	...	4.2	31.6
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9700	...	13.0	1.7	21.8
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9625	...	13.0	1.7	21.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	292	...	3.3	1.4	∞
373	322	EMAP	357	...	...	2.8	22.0
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1098	...	29.5	3.4	24.7
264	170	Harrington K	236	...	4.5	2.4	19.1
468	233	Haynes Pub	463 †	...	...	2.2	17.4
363	343	Hodder H'tne	357	...	4.5	1.6	30.2
140	99	Home Counts	132 †	...	6.0	...	...
151	30	Ind Bus Comm	150	...	...	...	21.7
14	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	13½	+½	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	20.2
580	395	Johnston Press	578	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletin	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	160	-1	...	...	...
466	297	News Corp	466	+4	...	0.3	...
274	169	News Intl	269 †	+4	...	0.6	16.5
546	354	Pearson	540 †	+3	...	2.8	29.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
736	618	Reed Int	723	+6	...	2.9	31.5
150	98	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
171	90	Sterling Pubs▲	167	...	...	2.2	18.4
423	328	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	745	+20	...	2.0	37.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	391 †	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
39	21	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	543	-1	...	5.0	14.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	63	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	67	+1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	199 †	+1	7.1	4.5	6.0
339½	276	British Gas	328½	+1	14.2	5.5	15.6
326	225	Br Petroleum	324½	+8½	8.4	3.2	25.5
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	776	...	...	4.1	18.1
65	32	Cairn Energy	62	+2	...	...	8.9
287	223	Calor Gp	267	...	...	5.7	14.2
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	51½	-½	...	...	...
44	27	Conlex Res	38	-½	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	458 †	+17	16.0	4.4	25.2
88	32	Exp Co Louis	40	+6	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	33½	...	...	2.3	8.4
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62	+1	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	167	+3	...	0.7	15.5
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	145 †	+2	...	2.8	29.4
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	16.1	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
331	249	API	329	-1	7.5	2.8	28.7
216	144	Arjo Wiggins	214 †	...	...	3.8	54.6
543	408	Abbott Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.9
40	13	Aegis Gp	36	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	129 †	...	...	4.7	11.7
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	390	...	...	3.8	16.9
33	11	Birkdale	11	...	...	...	...
148	118	Bunzl	148	+1	4.0	3.4	22.1
316	237	CIA Gp	316	...	...	1.7	20.0
230	93	Capital Inds	194	-4	...	2.1	18.3
79	44	City of Lon▲	77	...	...	6.3	14.2
246	169	Cropper (Jmes)	246	+1	3.1	1.6	23.8
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	86	-1	1.6	2.4	11.6
118	94	Dolphin Pack	118	...	4.5	4.8	28.7
87	42	Dudley Jenkns▲	84	...	...	4.6	19.1
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.3	12.7
73	41	Fairway Group▲	67	-1	3.1	5.9	19.8
340	271	Ferguson Intl	337	...	...	4.6	15.3
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	74	Filofax▲	145 †	...	...	1.3	18.7
30	11	Finch	11	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	275 †	...	8.3	3.8	∞
41	20	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
88	35	Hunterprint	39½	+2	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	171	...	7.8	5.9	...
264	191	Jarvis Porter	260	...	...	2.3	24.2
32	15½	Lopex	27	...	...	...	...
37½	36	MDM	35	-½	...	...	...
334	175	More O'Ferrall	334	+1	13.2	5.0	39.6
133	48	NMC Group	111 †	...	2.0	2.3	17.1
172	66	Osborne & Little	169	...	...	3.4	18.6
525	455	Portals	490	+1	...	3.7	16.7
2½	½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	284	...	...	2.4	17.5
347	287	St Ives Gp	308	-2	5.2	2.1	21.0
185½	142½	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	348	...	...	9.4	6.6
32	11½	Serif▲	31	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	20½	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	363	+1	...	3.4	19.0
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	233	+1	...	1.8	3.6
70	45	Sonic	68	...	1.5	2.8	27.9
246	183	Suet-Plus	228 †	-1	8.0	4.4	20.3
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.8
69	38	VTX▲	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
106	40	WPP	103	+2	...	1.2	3.9
176	62	Wace	176	...	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	253	+1	...	3.9	19.0
750	540	Watmough	747 †	...	11.5	1.9	20.3
7	4½	Westport▲	5½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	15	-1½	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
109	41	Allied Lon	109	+4	3.5	4.1	∞
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
109	52	Asda	109	...	...	2.4	11.4
152	88	Avonside	147 †	-3	4.0	3.4	20.5
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2200	-25	...	...	...
652	396	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	23	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	213	...	5.4	3.2	21.6
23	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
405	166½	Br Land	379	-4	...	2.3	34.5
240	140½	Brixton	219	-1	...	4.8	17.1
81	42	Burford	79	...	...	1.8	...
178	99	Cap & Regnl▲	178	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	...	2.4	1.4	...
500	196	Chesterfield	499	+1	11.0	2.8	35.7
43	12	City Site Ests	38	...	1.4	...	...
25	12	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Ritbt GS	47	...	...	...	...
1275	818	Daejan	1269	...	...	2.7	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
101	53	Debenhm Twsn	101	+1	...	3.7	19.7
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	153	...	3.0	2.5	...
563	263	Derwent Hldgs	563	+5	8.6	1.9	70.2
45	10	Development Sec	43	...	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	212	...	...	2.7	18.7
33½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276½	Frogmore	447	-1	16.0	4.6	∞
200	97	Grainger	190	...	5.2	3.5	42.5
222	116½	Gr Portland	215	...	...	4.7	20.6
27½	7½	Greycoat	25	...	...	...	...
152	101	HK Land	152 †	+5½	...	4.2	20.0
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	79	...	0.5	0.8	...
403	257½	Hammerson	383	...	10.0	3.3	38.4
663	345	-do- 'A'	352	+1	10.0	3.6	35.3
253	127	Helical Bar	250	+3	...	2.4	8.9
35	19	Hemingway	31	+1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	58	...	3.7	...	14.4
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	680	+3	22.8	4.2	20.5
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	97	...	4.0	5.2	15.1
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	496	+1	...	5.0	21.3
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	130	...	3.5	3.4	17.8
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	38	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1300	+100	20.0	1.9	12.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	164	...	6.1	4.7	∞
46	30	Olives Prop	35	...	1.5	5.4	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
156	88	PSIT	156	...	4.1	3.3	30.9
317	138	Peel	310	...	4.0	1.6	...
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
48	22	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	∞
75	42	Raglan	52	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	...	1.5	14	35.9
47	16	St Modwen Prp	45½	+1	0.6	1.6	34.7
70	39	Savills	64	...	...	2.0	25.3
103	34	Scot Met	103	+2	1.5	...	...
105	89	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
15	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
258	139½	Slough Estates	252	-2	...	4.0	17.6
82	56	Southend Prop	78	-2	...	3.8	...
36	16	Stanhope Prps▲	35	...	...	...	...
196	114	Tops Ests	196	...	...	2.1	13	69.9
126	79	Town Centre	126	...	...	3.1	3.1	23.5
84	43	Trafford Park	77	...	...	2.8	4.7	∞
56	17	UK Land	41	-1	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9	-1	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	248	...	...	10.5	5.3	22.7
218	168	Warnford	218	...	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
90	34	Wates	77 †	-½	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John Da	72	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	15	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	180 †	-2	...	1.8	40.6
500	315	Lambert	333 †	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
100	44	Pittards	53	-2	2.0	...	15.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	UK Safety	64	...	...	9.9	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	506	+8	12.6	3.1	16.3
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	35	+1	...	...	17.8
170	141	Br Mohair	160 †	...	8.5	6.6	15.0
53	15	Charnwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	333 †	...	7.2	2.7	20.8
601	522	Courtauld Text	530	-1	13.6	3.2	14.5
53½	24½	Cupid▲	31	...	...	...	...
248½	191	Dawson	191	-3	...	5.9	14.5
43	22	Drummond	43	+1	...	...	...
82	65	Faupel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	123 †	...	4.2	4.3	...
229	156	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
89	45	Jerome (S)	89	+3	...	...	...
370	249	Lamont	370	...	12.0	4.1	24.5
515	353½	Leeds	505	-5	...	1.8	24.4
64	15	Lister	62	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	76	Lyles (S)	76	...	3.3	5.6	∞
200	89	Magellan	200	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	96½	-2	...	4.4	18.2
58	35	SEET	51	+1	...	...	...
130	72	Sirdar	130	+2	5.3	5.3	∞
72	44	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.5	16.2
51	37	Stoddard	48	...	...	3.9	44.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	39 †	...	2.5	8.0	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	180	...	...	3.6	11.8

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	481½	-3½	...	4.8	14.4
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	634	-1	11.5	2.3	12.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	462 †	+1	...	2.3	...
869	707	BAA	854	-9	...	2.3	21.2
367½	249	Br Airways	358½	-7	...	3.7	19.7
109	56	Clarkson (H)	108	+2	1.5	1.7	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	508	+2	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	207	...	...	4.8	10.9
38	34	Jacobs (JI)	37	-1	0.5	1.7	...
96	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	91	...	...	1.5	16.7
2975	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2925	-12½	4.5	0.2	16.0
418	280	Mersey Docks	418 †	+17	9.0	2.9	26.8
271	181	Natl Express	244 †	...	...	3.6	25.2
284	230	NFC	269	-2	6.5	3.1	20.3
339	244	Ocean Group	328 †	-5	...	3.5	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65	-1	4.0	7.7	11.8
676	504	P & O Dfd	595 †	-3	...	6.9	30.1
172	127	P & O 5 1/2%	171	+1	...	4.0	...
570	448	Powell Duffryn	570	+2	...	5.0	22.1
200	117	Seacon▲	198	...	...	3.2	12.5
157	112	Stagecoach	157	+7	...	3.0	∞
63	31½	TNT	58½	-1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibber & Brim	680	+2	11.8	2.2	26.3
382	173	Tiphook	254	-4	...	9.5	...
298	227	TDG	289 †	+2	...	4.6	8.6

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	527	-4	...	5.0	10.7
340	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	340	...	...	3.9	13.6
661	547	Northumbrian	631	...	...	4.5	6.5
537½	431½	North West	512	-5	...	5.2	9.1
564	439	Severn Trent	533	-5	...	4.9	8.5
583	454	Sthrn Water	554	+2	...	4.8	9.2
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	-5	47.0	3.9	10.9
586	465	South West	565	-8	...	5.2	9.3
563	454	Thames Water	536	-3	...	4.9	10.5
639	506	Welsh Water	609	-2	...	4.8	6.1
661	536	Wessex Water	625	-6	...	4.3	9.4
593	473½	Yorkshire W	538	-1	...	4.9	9.1

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106½	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	101½	...	13.60	5.91
102½	100½	Treas 8½% 1994	100½	...	8.42	5.53
109½	103½	Treas 14½% 1994	103½	...	13.98	5.54
109½	104½	Exch 13½% 1994	104½ †	...	12.92	5.55
105½	102½	Treas 10% 1994	102½	...	9.71	5.56
110½	106½	Exch 12½% 1994	106½	...	11.79	5.49
105½	103½	Treas 9% 1994	103½	...	8.68	5.57
111½	108	Treas 12% 1995	108½	...	11.11	5.54
97½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½ †	...	3.07	4.62
109½	107½	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	+½	9.52	5.66
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½	...	11.22	5.80
120½	117½	Treas 14% 1996	117½	...	11.95	5.91
125½	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	121½ †	-½	12.51	6.03
120½	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117½	-½	11.30	6.03
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	110½	-½	9.03	6.17
122½	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	...	11.01	6.31
113½	110½	Exch 10½% 1997	112½	...	9.32	6.28
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108½	...	8.06	6.26
132½	127½	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	...	11.54	6.51
112½	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	112½	...	8.69	6.44
103½	99½	Treas 7¼% 1998	103½ †	...	7.00	6.33
101½	97½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101½ †	...	6.68	6.07
129½	125½	Treas 14% 1998-01	128½	...	10.91	6.79

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138½	133½	Treas 15½% 1998	137½ †	-½	11.31	6.66
123½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	122½	+½	9.80	6.75
113½	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	112½	...	8.44	6.62
125½	120½	Exch 12¼% 1999	124½	+½	9.83	6.81
118½	112½	Treas 10½% 1999	117½	+½	8.93	6.70
118½	112½	Conv 10¼% 1999	117½	+½	8.72	6.72
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112½	+½	8.03	6.65
133½	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132½	+½	9.84	6.98
118½	109½	Treas 10% 2001	117½	+½	8.52	6.94
119½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117½	+½	8.28	7.03
108½	97½	Treas 8% 2003	107½	+½	7.43	6.00
122½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120½	+½	8.28	7.06
125½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124½†	+½	9.24	7.21
81½	67½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	...	4.38	6.06
119½	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	117½	-½	8.06	7.14
119½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	118 †	-½	8.05	7.18
137½	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136	-½	9.19	7.40
107	94½	Treas 8% 2002-06	105½ †	+½	7.57	7.15
130½	118½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129½	+½	9.09	7.36
112½	97½	Treas 8½% 2007	111½	+½	7.65	7.21
145½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144½	+½	9.37	7.40

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	116½ †	+½	7.75	7.23
108½	93½	Treas 8% 2009	107	+½	7.48	7.26
118½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	117	+½	7.69	7.28
118½	100½	Treas 9% 2012	117½	+½	7.66	7.28
86½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86½	+½	6.37	6.84
106½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105½	+½	7.35	7.23
108½	93½	Treas 8% 2013	107½	+½	7.44	7.28
148½	125½	Exch 12% 2013-17	147½	+½	8.16	7.45
117½	97½	Treas 8¾% 2017	116½	+½	7.51	7.28

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48½	38½	War Ln 3½%	48½	+½	7.27	...
34½	27½	Treas 2½%	33½ †	+½	7.43	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	135½	+½	...	...
200½	194½	Treas IL 2% 1996	200½	+½	1.52	2.41
110½	105½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110½ †	+½	1.92	2.56
169½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169½	+½	2.62	2.98
166½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166½	+½	2.79	3.07
113½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113½ †	+½	2.83	3.09
176½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	175½	+½	2.83	3.05
160½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	160½	+½	2.97	3.17
167½	148½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167½	+½	3.00	3.18
139½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138½	+½	3.02	3.19
149½	130½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149½	+½	3.08	3.21
145½	126½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144½ †	+½	3.10	3.23
122½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121½	+½	3.09	3.21
122½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121½	+½	3.10	3.23

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	129.50	137.70	+1.80	1.35
International	98.23	104.50	+0.80	.48
Dividend Gth	60.54	64.40	-0.01	4.36
Global Gth Sec	63.54	67.59	+0.04	2.81
Ethical Growth	69.47	73.90	+0.10	2.46
High Inc Equity	163.10	173.50	...	4.54
Worldwide Bond	273.80	290.20†	+0.40	3.62
Gilts Fixed Int	135.30	143.70†	-0.20	5.57
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6981				
Amer Inc Gth	45.32	47.83	-0.10	0.65
European	91.55	97.07	-0.22	...
European Inc	89.05	94.58†	-0.03	1.59
Exempt	935.30	986.20	+2.40	3.87
Extra Inc	49.44	53.78	...	4.86
F East Emerg Sc	93.37	100.50	+0.37	0.65
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	403.20	431.00†	-0.20	3.67
Equity Inc	228.40	244.10	...	3.59
High Yield	254.20	271.80	-0.30	3.51
Balanced	673.70	720.10	-0.90	2.38
American Inc	51.36	54.90	+0.30	2.93
Wld Asset Val	43.75	46.76†	+0.34	0.51
Japan	218.80	233.40	+1.90	0.01
Secs of Am	424.00	451.90	+2.50	0.56
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	334.70	356.10	+0.60	2.55
-do- Inc	237.20	252.40	+0.70	2.35
Higher Inc Acc	628.20	668.40	+0.40	3.56
-do- Inc	381.60	406.00	-0.20	3.56
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	187.70	198.20†	+0.80	5.91
-do- Inc	95.96	101.30†	+0.40	5.91
Nth America	256.10	272.50	+1.70	...
Far East	331.00	352.20	+2.30	0.11
Europe	252.80	269.00†	-1.00	0.89
General Inc	449.60	478.40	+1.50	2.36
-do- Acc	498.70	530.60†	+1.80	2.36
Brit Excell	67.66	72.93	+1.11	2.59
Brit Fndmnls Inc	72.68	77.32†	-0.02	4.45
Brit Fndmnls Acc	95.50	101.60†	+0.10	4.45
Global Opps	79.29	84.36	+0.31	...
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brh O seas	261.50	278.30	-1.00	1.24
Capital Gwth	109.90	115.70	...	2.35
Worldwide Opps	164.70	173.40	...	0.54
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	112.10	119.90†	+0.30	2.81
Euro Gth Inc	127.60	135.40†	+0.20	0.63
Extra Inc	115.90	124.00	-0.10	4.30
General	257.50	275.40†	+0.30	2.79
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.46	63.53†	+0.10	7.96
Income	520.50	556.70	-0.60	4.16
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9802				
American Gth	96.52	102.40	-0.50	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	129.80	138.90	-0.40	...
Convertibles	56.31	60.22†	+0.08	7.00
Eastern	206.20	222.60	+2.90	1.60
Equity Income	89.44	95.14	-0.09	6.20
European Gth	260.30	276.80	+1.10	1.50
Europe	170.80	182.60	-0.20	1.50
Exempt	88.09	90.43	...	3.50
German Growth	68.69	73.09	-0.59	0.70
Global Growth	116.00	124.00	+0.60	...
Japan Growth	209.60	224.50	+1.50	...
Japan Sunrise	184.10	197.00	+0.10	...
Portfolio	126.70	135.30†	+0.40	3.20
-do- Acc	227.90	243.40	+0.70	3.20
UK Growth	88.97	94.64	+0.09	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.72	90.72	-0.16	1.90
Select Managers	69.08	73.91	+0.12	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	111.43	119.18	...	1.54
-do- Inc	101.30	108.34	...	1.54
Global Bond	30.74	32.61	...	5.00
High Yield Acc	58.86	62.95	...	2.96
-do- Inc	42.26	45.20	...	2.96
Smlr Cos Acc	103.20	110.38	...	1.25
-do- Inc	94.86	101.45	...	1.25
Amer Gth Acc	65.18	69.71	...	...
-do- Inc	63.97	68.41†	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	115.52	123.55	...	0.81
-do- Inc	113.15	121.02†	...	0.81
Mngd P folio	39.01	41.72†	...	1.39
Pacific Growth	110.90	118.61	...	0.02
Intl Spec Opps	101.35	108.39	...	1.06
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	142.00	151.20†	-0.20	2.77
Smaller Cos Acc	325.30	351.40	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	189.20	204.40	-0.40	1.06
High Inc	76.87	82.25†	+0.18	6.37
Income	137.70	147.30	-0.40	3.73
Mngd P folio Inc	98.67	105.10	+0.50	1.89
-do- Acc	187.80	200.00	+0.90	...
North American	111.00	118.20	+1.00	0.18
Orient	139.60	150.40	+0.40	...
Recovery	45.45	48.82	+0.06	2.29
German	46.51	49.86	-0.40	0.08
Intl Growth	37.50	39.94	+0.12	0.20
European Inc	23.98	25.79†	-0.11	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7296				
Sm Gilt Fxd Int	64.27	69.20	-0.07	5.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	142.70	151.50	...	1.63
UK Growth	155.30	165.30†	+0.10	2.03
UK Income	132.30	140.80	...	3.98
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	96.87	103.60	+0.50	0.79
Growth	46.63	49.87	+0.11	3.35
Income	57.91	61.94	...	3.83
Far East	52.10	55.72	-0.32	...
North American	97.30	104.60	-0.10	...
Global	94.34	100.90	-0.10	0.45
European	78.75	84.09	-0.04	0.93
Japan	120.70	129.10	+1.00	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	62.52	66.25	+0.34	5.74
UK Cap Gwth	85.28	91.21†	+0.21	1.84
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	139.10	148.00†	-0.10	0.06
-do- Acc	147.80	157.30	-0.20	0.06
European	71.80	76.09†	+0.03	0.81
-do- Acc	74.91	79.38	+0.03	0.81
Far East Gen	68.02	72.37	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	68.02	72.37	+0.28	...
Smaller Cos	71.56	76.13†	+0.06	1.71
-do- Acc	80.74	85.90	+0.01	1.71
Growth	401.50	429.50†	-0.20	2.29
-do- Acc	696.20	744.60	-0.50	2.29
Income Growth	399.60	425.20	-2.00	3.65
-do- Acc	542.80	577.60	-2.80	3.66
Master Portfolio	10167.0	10556.0	+25.00	2.12
-do- Acc	11843.0	12297.0	+29.00	2.12
Special Sits	92.76	98.69	+0.87	2.22
-do- Acc	109.66	116.67	+1.04	2.22
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1304.0	1345.0	+1.00	4.09
-do- Acc	1538.0	1586.0	+1.00	4.09
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	196.70	209.60	-0.60	1.58
Capital	573.10	611.60	+1.40	2.19
Eurotrack 100	145.30	154.70	+0.80	1.34
Euro Gth	92.20	98.31	-0.05	0.86
Far East Growth	100.60	107.40	+1.10	...
Global Bond	24.20	25.51	+0.01	5.55
Hong Kong	89.19	95.19	+1.96	0.63
Income	548.00	584.80	+0.50	3.81
Intl Growth	77.57	82.79	+0.55	0.17
Japan Growth	297.10	317.10†	+2.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.43	41.01	+0.48	...
Japan Index	83.96	89.60	+1.28	0.23
Nth American	450.90	481.20	+2.90	0.16
S pore Mly Gth	68.58	73.19	+1.62	...
The Footsie Fd	113.50	119.90	-0.60	2.57
Tiger Index	161.10	172.50†	+2.30	0.57
Triple Index	111.50	119.00†	-0.20	2.11
UK Index	130.70	139.50	+0.40	2.85
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	88.09	94.09	...	1.02
European P folio	82.33	87.80	...	0.88
Japanese P folio	71.94	76.47	+0.70	...
Pacific P folio	114.85	123.50	+0.98	0.96
Cazenove P folio	77.29	82.62	...	2.46
UK Income Gth	70.20	75.26	...	4.25
Utility & Bond	55.96	56.72	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	...	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	...	6.75
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	...	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	...	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.96	70.49	...	2.14
Beckman Intl	91.22	96.31	...	2.75
Friars Hse Inc	196.31	207.74	...	5.68
Friars Hse Cap	266.17	280.80	...	2.61
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9868				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	153.48	163.28†	+0.10	5.33
Equity Incom Acc	511.14	543.77	+0.28	5.33
Fixed & Convert	44.35	47.18†	+0.05	5.62
Fixed & Conv Acc	119.75	127.39	+0.11	5.62
Monthly Income	51.70	55.00†	+0.08	7.37
Preference	50.35	53.46†	+0.04	7.24
Preference Acc	266.74	283.77	+0.14	7.24
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.55	133.58†	+0.03	5.53
High Yield Acc	492.00	523.40	-0.13	5.53
Managed Fund	65.28	69.45†	+0.07	2.82
Managed Fd Acc	80.62	85.77	+0.09	2.82
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.34	42.92	-0.07	1.91
Smaller Cos Acc	45.79	48.71	-0.08	1.91
UK & General	72.25	76.86†	+0.23	2.98
UK & General Acc	88.39	94.03	+0.27	2.98
UK Growth	124.85	132.85	+0.33	1.68
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	169.37	180.18	-0.23	...
Far East Growth	117.86	125.38	+1.08	0.53
Global Bond	86.63	92.05†	-0.22	3.90
Gold & Comm	33.92	37.36	-0.29	...
Japan Growth	127.13	135.24	+1.07	...
North America	158.30	168.21	+0.14	...
Oriental Growth	63.18	67.21	+0.87	...
W'wide Growth	62.12	66.48	-0.01	0.35
-do- Acc	64.80	69.30	-0.03	0.35
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.42	91.42†	+0.01	4.98
Deposit Fund Acc	93.41	93.41	+0.01	4.98
Quilter Fund	129.02	137.25†	+0.19	2.17
Quilter Fund Acc	144.75	153.99	+0.21	2.17
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.95	69.10	-0.12	1.87
-do- Acc	73.69	78.40	-0.14	1.87
Income Fund 5	227.80	242.40	-0.20	3.83
-do- Acc	530.20	564.10	+0.50	3.83
Inv Portfolio	70.90	75.48	+0.18	2.03
-do- Acc	80.79	85.73	+0.20	2.03
Smaller Cos	136.30	145.10	-0.50	1.43
-do- Acc	165.00	175.60	-0.40	1.43
High Inc P folio	65.19	67.55	+0.07	4.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	93.21	99.16	+1.34	0.80
Japanese Acc	66.98	71.26†	+0.77	...
UK Balncd Inc	133.10	141.60	...	2.43
-do- Acc	157.00	167.00	...	2.43
UK Growth Acc	214.20	227.90	-0.30	1.97
UK High Inc	144.70	153.90	-0.30	5.75
-do- Acc	175.10	186.30	-0.30	5.75
N America Acc	117.40	124.90	+0.10	0.22
European Acc	173.80	184.90	+0.10	0.53
UK Fixed F/I Inc	62.60	66.40	+0.10	6.63
-do- Acc	103.00	109.30	+0.20	6.63
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.24	54.51†	+0.65	0.21
Environmntl Opp	75.57	80.39	+0.10	1.53
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	117.30	124.60	+1.10	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	217.20	230.80	-1.30	1.08
Eurofund	41.48	43.95	-0.12	0.91
Mngd Exempt	177.90	185.40	-0.50	2.83
Growth Inc	226.10	240.20†	+0.50	3.12
High Dist	155.50	165.20	...	4.54
International	347.60	369.30	+2.40	0.88
Intl Income	87.44	92.91†	-0.07	2.80
Pacific	64.80	68.85	+0.86	0.44
Smllr Jap Cos	81.20	86.28	+1.09	...
Tokyo	222.80	236.70†	+1.80	...
Japan Exempt	126.10	129.60	+1.20	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	641.20	658.80	+2.90	0.08
Equity Income	139.30	157.40†	+0.20	3.64
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	154.80	163.60	+0.40	0.46
Financial	45.45	48.32†	+0.10	2.47
Global Opps Inc	95.67	101.60	+0.90	0.98
-do- Acc	99.16	105.40	+1.10	0.98
Gold Gen Inc	48.00	51.00	+0.04	0.59
-do- Acc	92.12	97.88	+0.07	0.59
Japan General	173.80	184.70	+1.60	...
Preference	24.07	25.57	-0.14	7.11
Worldwide Cap	212.80	225.90	+1.30	1.77
World Income	...	...	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7281				
Endurance	188.60	200.60	+2.70	0.97
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	111.35	117.42	-0.15	3.22
High Income	130.75	137.63	-0.18	4.53
Tst of Inv Tsts	166.18	174.93	+0.40	2.14
Special Sits	86.96	91.54†	+0.10	2.17
North American	110.77	116.60†	+0.90	1.04
Far Eastern	271.11	285.38	+3.65	1.39
Intl Growth	101.58	106.93	+0.69	1.39
European	70.50	74.21	...	1.89
Smaller Cos	73.13	76.98	-0.11	1.92
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE. 0273 220 787				
United Charities	238.70	253.90	-0.60	3.79
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	145.50	154.80	+0.20	...
High Income	27.17	28.59†	+0.04	5.73
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	104.20	110.20	...	0.57
Far Eastern	148.50	159.10	+1.20	...
High Income	23.88	25.42	+0.03	10.00
Ocean Income	95.27	101.80	+0.10	2.98
UK Growth	101.60	108.50†	+0.20	0.78
UK Income	108.10	115.50	-0.20	5.19
US Smaller Cos	286.90	306.80	+0.80	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	52.32	55.61	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	52.32	55.61	+0.10	...
Am Smllr Co	464.80	497.00	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	474.80	507.70	+2.10	...
Capital	299.30	318.30	-0.20	1.58
-do- Acc	420.80	447.60	-0.30	1.58
Contl Smllr Cos	51.02	54.72	-0.21	0.89
-do- Acc	53.33	57.20	-0.22	0.89
Convertible	128.40	136.50	+1.30	5.36
-do- Acc	243.60	259.10	+2.50	5.36
Emg Mark	60.60	64.74	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	60.60	64.74	+0.14	...
European	106.80	114.00	+0.30	0.60
-do- Acc	111.30	118.80	+0.20	0.60
Extra Income	318.30	338.50	...	3.66
-do- Acc	455.90	484.90	+0.10	3.69
Financial	118.60	126.50	+0.10	0.18
-do- Acc	123.60	132.40	+0.10	0.18
Gilt Gth Tst	68.64	70.77	+0.48	5.71
-do- Acc	88.69	91.45	+0.62	5.71
Health Fund Inc	125.00	133.50	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	125.00	133.50	+0.30	...
Income Tst	192.10	204.30	-0.20	3.51
-do- Acc	272.20	289.50	-0.30	3.51
Intl Growth	349.10	373.10	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	387.70	414.30	+1.00	...
Japan Gen	199.60	213.30	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	201.60	215.50	+1.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	98.24	103.40	+0.20	0.79
-do- Acc	103.30	108.70	+0.20	0.79
Monthly Income	163.80	174.20	-0.10	3.66
Qutly Inc	53.69	57.06	+0.24	5.31
-do- Acc	54.41	57.87	+0.24	5.31
Recovery	317.80	339.80	+0.80	0.34
-do- Acc	373.40	399.30	+1.10	0.34
UK Growth	48.76	52.13	+0.10	2.45
-do- Acc	48.76	52.13	+0.10	2.45
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	367.85	391.33	+0.15	2.87
-do- Acc	751.15	799.10	+0.31	2.87
Euro Gth Dist	119.31	126.93†	+0.19	0.61
-do- Acc	123.91	131.82†	+0.20	0.61
Fixed Int Dist	138.51	145.51†	+0.42	5.81
-do- Acc	237.03	250.72†	+0.71	5.81
Intl Gth Dist	83.71	89.05	+0.38	0.57
-do- Acc	86.89	92.44	+0.39	0.57
Nth Amer Dist	177.48	188.01	...	0.71
-do- Acc	193.43	204.90	...	0.71
Pac Basin Dist	268.98	286.15	+2.25	0.01
-do- Acc	274.11	291.61	+2.29	0.01
Stewardship Dist	318.45	338.78	+0.99	1.97
-do- Acc	379.71	403.96	+1.17	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	68.99	73.39†	-0.04	3.20
-do- Acc	85.93	91.42†	-0.05	3.20
N Am Stwd Dist	100.77	107.20	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	106.61	113.41	-0.07	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	142.10	152.00	-0.30	...
European	459.50	488.90	+1.20	0.87
Far East General	251.20	268.70	+1.80	0.27
Germany	111.00	117.60	-0.30	0.59
Global Assets In	77.40	82.54	+0.62	1.96
Global Assets Ac	81.34	87.28	+0.66	1.96
Income Inc	138.90	148.60†	+0.50	3.93
International	315.20	336.40	+2.80	0.83
Intl Income	83.25	88.36	+0.11	4.51
Japan General	411.20	437.50	+1.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.67	54.20	+0.12	5.97
UK Capital Inc	177.90	190.30	+0.40	3.85
-do- Acc	206.80	228.30	+0.80	3.95
UK Spec Sits	83.51	89.32	+0.20	1.42
US General	128.30	136.60	+0.80	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	137.70	146.80	+1.03	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.94	51.27	+0.12	3.07
Cash Trust*	130.51	130.51	+0.01	5.31
Pract Inv Inc	108.91	116.89†	+0.28	3.77
-do- Acc	240.00	257.59†	+0.60	3.77
UK Smaller Cos	109.29	117.20	-0.19	1.68
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.63	29.55	-0.05	7.92
High Inc	34.46	36.86†	+0.25	4.77
UK Equity Inc	137.42	146.97	+0.29	3.69
Global Bond	30.36	31.40†	-0.06	4.42
International Funds				
Gold Intl	87.45	93.78	+0.68	1.09
Premier Markets	46.91	50.31	+0.08	0.04
Global Inc Gth	127.77	136.08	+0.33	3.60
UK Intl	127.86	136.75	-0.26	0.87
Overseas Funds				
American	134.74	143.85	-0.42	0.47
European	90.65	96.10	+0.03	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	110.71	117.72†	+0.17	0.62
American Emerg	93.22	99.97	-0.69	...
Hong Kong	124.60	133.62	+3.08	2.07
Japan	241.89	257.67	+0.89	...
Pacific Growth	175.88	188.61	+1.89	0.06
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 8626				
Intl Growth	137.44	146.99	+1.77	0.32
American Gth	141.45	151.29	+0.18	...
European Gth	73.22	78.22	-0.01	0.72
Japan Gth	85.40	91.26	-0.92	...
Greater China	151.85	162.41	+1.08	1.23
Pacific Strategy	137.80	147.38	-0.75	0.24
UK Prog Inc	81.30	85.58†	-0.28	4.35
British Growth	51.78	54.67	+0.11	2.27
UK Small Cos	48.28	51.64	+1.41	1.32
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.70	132.70	...	6.50
Gilt Fixed	130.70	138.80†	+0.40	4.64
Growth Equity	307.90	328.90	+0.50	2.02
Guardhill	451.30	482.10†	+0.90	2.13
Income Trust	118.50	126.60	+0.30	3.29
International	170.50	182.10†	+0.08	6.50
Japan Trust	133.80	142.90	+1.30	...
Nth American	271.30	289.80	+0.80	0.26
Pacific	428.10	457.30	+7.00	...
European	394.60	421.50	-0.90	0.34
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 606, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838968				
Global Adv Inc	37.16	39.40	-0.10	1.50
-do- Acc	39.16	41.51	-0.10	1.50
Inc Adv Inc	31.29	33.17†	...	3.75
-do- Acc	33.13	35.12	...	3.75
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.51	84.10	+0.08	0.68
Equity Income	121.80	129.60†	-0.10	3.10
European	144.60	153.10	+0.30	0.88
Intl Situation	80.22	86.34	+0.23	...
Japanese	150.20	159.40	+2.80	...
North American	96.98	102.90	+2.50	0.02
Scandinavian	127.70	135.90†	-0.20	...
Smaller Cos	32.72	34.81	+0.61	1.72
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 103-105 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET. Enq: 0277 263290. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	99.97	106.86	+1.39	...
Asian Enterprise	144.38	154.61	+0.72	0.37
European	422.87	447.80	+0.64	0.59
European Inc	77.10	81.51	+0.09	2.66
Euro Sml Co	129.37	137.96	-0.42	0.55
Extra Income	276.79	294.67†	+0.24	5.35
Family of Funds	76.25	81.32	-0.07	0.96
Global Bond	58.70	62.44†	+0.09	6.57
High Inc	311.99	333.51	-0.24	3.84
Income Gth	256.93	273.63	+0.38	3.19
-do- Acc	664.59	707.78	+0.96	3.19
International	246.17	263.09†	+0.02	0.50
Japan Spc Sit	259.88	276.64†	-2.34	...
Japan	224.05	238.67	+0.31	...
N Amer	231.88	246.73	+1.04	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	213.57	227.20†	+2.15	0.16
Pref Gilt	49.38	53.08	+0.18	7.69
Special Sits	276.40	295.74†	-0.36	1.54
-do- Acc	428.54	458.53	-0.55	1.54
Best of British	59.22	63.32	+0.11	2.18
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	52.71	56.18	-0.03	0.76
-do- Acc	55.81	59.46	-0.04	0.76
Global Tech	142.22	152.17	-0.06	...
Special Opps	114.17	122.76	-0.35	1.36
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	93.28	99.76	+0.97	2.09
Capital	163.00	174.30	+0.50	1.79
Dollar	328.30	351.60	+1.60	0.01
European	215.60	230.50	+1.30	0.96
Far East	265.20	283.60	+4.40	0.28
Financial	789.40	844.20†	+13.20	1.78
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.80	28.88	+0.30	7.16
High Yield	110.20	117.80	...	4.16
Income	144.30	154.30	+0.40	3.09
Intl	227.80	243.60	+1.20	0.18
Japan Tech	75.14	80.36	+0.12	...
Nat Resources	59.95	64.09	+0.72	0.44
Security	313.60	335.40†	+3.70	1.83
Smaller Cos	121.80	130.20	+2.30	1.10
Special Sits	145.70	155.80†	+1.90	1.52
US Smaller Cos	80.49	86.08	+1.67	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.11	28.98†	-0.06	1.13
Special Features	29.67	31.52†	+0.05	1.66
-do- Acc	35.31	37.51†	+0.06	1.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.24	61.14	+0.07	1.75
Asset Earnings	74.73	79.42	+0.01	1.84
do Acc	89.21	94.76	+0.02	1.83
Managed Invest	94.48	100.70	+0.30	1.09
Expert Children	79.49	84.73	+0.25	2.03
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.28	50.28†	...	4.49
Extra Inc	85.99	91.87	-0.01	4.99
Gilt	29.43	31.00	+0.17	6.16
Income Gth	41.54	44.29	+0.02	3.45
Milestar	80.94	82.74	+0.15	7.54
Preference	18.83	20.00†	...	6.50
UK Income	328.00	350.00†	+0.30	3.16
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	65.26	69.33	+0.14	1.15
Property Shares	72.96	78.03†	+0.58	1.60
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.40	162.70	-0.50	4.22
European Acc	126.50	134.00†	+0.10	1.44
European Dist	119.30	126.30†	+0.10	1.44
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.60	52.71†	-0.04	1.06
European Perf	127.40	135.10†	-0.20	0.49
-do- Inc	131.70	139.60†	-0.20	0.49
Euro Small Cos	24.00	25.49	-0.02	0.47
French Growth	73.84	78.45	+0.13	0.33
-do- Acc	78.88	83.80	+0.13	0.33
Hong K/China	75.40	80.11	+0.98	1.60
Intl Growth	55.18	58.62	+0.14	0.58
-do- Acc	55.18	58.62	+0.14	0.58
Japan Perf	35.58	37.79	+0.28	...
Accum Units	35.58	37.79	+0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.83	45.51†	+0.73	...
Singapore Asean	97.42	103.50	+1.30	0.19
-do- Acc	98.17	104.30	+1.40	0.19
South East Asia	264.20	280.70	+2.30	0.54
US Smllr Cos	111.60	118.50	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	112.70	119.70	+0.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	90.54	96.52	+0.16	2.41
Intl Bond	59.28	60.06†	-0.15	5.90
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6680. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.79	59.35†	...	6.53
Gilt Yield	123.70	130.50†	+0.70	6.91
Global Income	215.40	229.10	+2.82	3.82
High Yield	145.40	154.70	+1.19	5.39
Smllr Cos Div	53.50	56.91	+0.10	3.45
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.94	101.00	+1.89	...
North American	78.02	83.00	+0.89	0.41
European	143.40	152.50	+1.40	1.47
Euro Special	84.59	89.99	+0.02	1.39
General	276.50	294.10	+2.50	3.03
Japan	468.70	498.80	+5.10	...
Japanese Special	272.10	289.50	+7.60	...
Master Acc	235.20	250.20†	+3.60	0.86
Pacific	303.00	322.30	+4.00	0.50
Smaller Cos	108.80	115.70	+3.25	1.46
UK Equity Gth	39.55	42.07	-0.09	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	80.78	85.94	+0.25	0.92
Extra Income	25.40	27.02†	+0.21	3.61
Far East	30.32	32.25†	+0.30	0.26
Income Gwth	75.91	80.76†	+0.75	2.90
Intl Growth	55.11	58.63†	+0.41	0.59
Japan	70.93	75.46	+0.81	...
Maximum Dist*	100.80	102.50	...	6.81
N Amer Equity	39.28	41.79	+0.20	0.35
UK Equity	91.59	97.44	-0.10	2.68
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.42	57.89	+0.05	4.32
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690595				
Equity Dist	445.70	474.10†	+1.10	2.49
Equity Acc	859.00	913.80†	+2.00	2.49
Equity Income	98.89	105.20	-0.10	4.33
European	106.20	113.00	+0.80	0.94
Far Eastern	206.90	220.10†	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	55.70	59.15†	+0.42	5.49
Gilt	97.69	103.60	+0.50	5.17
Global Growth	73.78	78.49	+0.87	0.11
Intl Bond	58.09	61.74†	-0.20	4.26
Japanese	78.20	83.19	+1.33	...
Overseas Equity	107.20	114.00	+1.10	...
Pacific Gth	96.73	102.90†	+1.60	0.27
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	330.90	352.10	+0.10	2.64
-do- Acc	726.90	773.40	+0.30	2.64
Contl Euro Gth	56.42	59.39	+0.02	1.15
-do- Acc	59.66	62.80	-0.01	1.15
Extra Inc	256.30	272.90	+3.30	3.68
-do- Acc	634.30	674.80	+8.40	3.68
German Gth	115.10	121.20	-0.40	0.02
-do- Acc	120.70	127.10	-0.40	0.02
Growth Port	511.80	544.50†	+0.10	0.42
-do- Acc	515.40	548.40	+0.10	0.42
Income	482.50	513.30	+6.10	3.48
-do- Acc	1237.0	1317.0	+14.00	3.48
Income Port	513.10	545.90	-0.20	4.34
-do- Acc	520.70	554.00	-0.20	4.34
Japan Growth	109.90	117.00	+0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	110.30	117.40	+2.10	0.01
Master Trust	55.08	58.60	+0.09	1.20
-do- Acc	60.63	64.51	+0.09	1.20
N American Gen	195.00	207.50	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	225.30	239.70	+2.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	147.60	157.10	+0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	150.70	160.40	+0.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	230.50	245.30	+7.20	0.63
-do- Acc	241.70	259.30	+7.70	0.63
Small Cos Rec	334.70	352.40	+9.70	2.25
-do- Acc	435.90	458.90	+12.70	2.25
UK Growth	82.20	87.45	+1.14	2.17
-do- Acc	96.82	103.00	+1.30	2.17
Worldwide Gth	303.30	322.70	+5.10	0.25
-do- Acc	447.30	475.90	+7.60	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	82.55	88.57	-0.03	2.60
Income	65.03	69.78†	-0.06	4.90
International	60.34	64.74	+0.28	0.80
American	61.13	65.59	+0.31	0.30
Japan	57.63	61.84†	+0.40	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.25	67.87	+0.11	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	390.30	412.70	+2.00	0.82
-do- Acc	482.20	509.90	+2.50	0.82
American Rec	433.90	458.80	+2.10	0.14
-do- Acc	497.10	525.70	+2.40	0.14
Am Sm Co Acc	131.30	138.90	+1.00	...
Australia Acc	168.00	177.70	+1.80	1.15
Capital	724.20	765.80	+0.50	2.21
-do- Acc	808.90	855.40	+0.70	2.21
Commodity Acc	434.30	459.40	+0.50	0.87
Compnd Gth	884.70	935.50	+0.20	2.58
Dividend	38.80	41.00	...	3.98
-do- Acc	153.60	162.40	-0.20	3.98
Equity Inc	326.40	345.20†	+0.20	4.53
European Div	65.00	68.70	+0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	75.30	79.50	...	3.85
European Gen	436.60	461.70	-0.10	0.83
-do- Acc	548.50	579.80	-0.20	0.83
Extra Yield	406.40	429.80†	...	4.05
-do- Acc	1214.3	1284.1	-0.20	4.05
Far Eastern	331.00	350.00†	+3.40	0.43
-do- Acc	436.70	461.80	+4.60	0.43
Fund of Inv	582.50	594.80	+0.70	2.03
-do- Acc	1026.1	1085.0	+1.30	2.03
General	57.90	61.20	-0.10	3.42
-do- Acc	154.80	163.70	-0.20	3.42
Gilt Fxd Int	66.36	66.46	+0.27	6.91
do Acc	169.18	169.43	+0.68	6.91
Gold	54.00	57.10	+0.50	1.05
-do- Acc	63.50	67.10	+0.50	1.05
High Inc	27.40	29.00	...	4.16
-do- Acc	103.80	109.80	...	4.16
Intl Growth	72.90	77.10	+0.20	0.66
-do- Acc	126.20	133.50	+0.30	0.66
Intl Inc	100.10	105.90	+0.10	4.42
Japan Gen Acc	54.70	57.90	+0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	167.80	177.50	+1.40	...
Midland	60.10	63.60	-0.10	2.86
-do- Acc	192.50	203.60	-0.20	2.86
Recovery	39.10	41.40	...	2.41
-do- Acc	62.30	65.90	...	2.41
Second Gen	67.20	71.10	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	166.60	176.20	+0.30	3.20
Smaller Cos	65.30	69.00	...	2.84
-do- Acc	125.20	132.80	+0.10	2.84
Trustee	42.40	44.80	...	3.51
Charibond 3	†117.93	...	-0.10	9.15
Charifund 2	691.30	698.30	-0.20	5.23
Pension ex 1	906.90	929.60	+0.30	4.08
NAACIP Inc 3	149.03	...	...	6.88
-do- Acc 3	†1209.9	...	...	6.88
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	145.30	155.40	+0.19	1.89
-do- Acc	162.90	174.10	+0.19	1.89
UK Income	121.50	129.90	-0.23	2.32
-do- Acc	137.30	146.80	-0.23	2.32
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	92.32	98.74	+0.67	0.41
Far East	149.90	159.10	-4.40	0.15
Income Growth	75.93	80.60	-0.06	2.94
European	75.98	80.66	-0.04	1.07
Nth American	60.44	64.16	+1.02	0.41
UK Growth	81.53	86.58	-0.36	1.99
Intl Growth	102.80	109.10	+0.50	0.32
Charities	115.20	122.30	...	3.87
Intl Income	72.08	76.46†	+0.35	4.04
Japan	60.15	63.85	+1.15	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	191.50	203.20	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	204.60	217.20	+0.60	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.56
-do- Acc	131.10	131.10	...	5.56
Emg Mkts Acc	98.39	105.80	+0.50	...
European Gth	213.90	227.50	-0.40	0.70
-do- Acc	230.30	244.90	-0.50	0.70
General	488.30	520.90†	...	2.32
-do- Acc	934.60	996.90†	+0.10	2.32
Global Dist	131.30	138.20†	+0.10	5.70
-do- Acc	151.20	158.90†	+0.10	5.70
Income	147.50	157.10†	-0.10	4.34
-do- Acc	219.00	233.40†	-0.10	4.34
International	420.30	448.10	+2.60	0.62
-do- Acc	558.90	595.90	+3.40	0.62
Japan Acc	208.30	221.00	+2.10	...
New Europe	154.60	164.90	-0.30	1.57
-do- Acc	157.10	167.60	-0.30	1.57
Recovery	304.90	325.20	...	2.76
-do- Acc	385.30	411.00	+0.10	2.76
European Inc	79.07	83.94	+0.23	2.90
-do- Acc	102.40	108.70	+0.30	2.90
Brit Blue Chip	74.80	79.63†	-0.13	3.16
-do- Acc	89.95	95.74†	-0.18	3.16
Portfolio	78.00	82.95†	+0.07	2.73
-do- Acc	89.52	95.20†	+0.09	2.73
Gold General	130.00	139.80	+3.70	0.67
-do- Acc	133.00	143.00	+3.80	0.67
Pacific	103.10	110.00	+0.30	0.76
-do- Acc	109.60	116.90	+0.30	0.76
UK Smaller Cos	96.13	99.81†	-0.03	1.82
-do- Acc	63.08	67.28†	-0.03	1.82
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 132 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.69	63.84	+0.01	2.56
-do- Acc	60.62	64.83	+0.02	2.56
British Dist	80.46	86.03	+0.22	2.00
-do- Acc	91.08	97.41	+0.26	2.00
European Gth	191.00	204.30	...	0.02
-do- Acc	239.80	256.50	...	0.02
Extra High Inc	72.94	78.01	-0.74	5.45
-do- Acc	130.50	139.60	-1.20	5.45
FT-SE 100 Index	50.66	54.18	+0.25	2.58
-do- Acc	51.43	55.00	+0.27	2.58
Gilt Fixed Int	58.35	60.75†	+0.25	6.49
-do- Acc	157.90	164.40	+0.70	6.49
High Yield	235.30	251.70	-0.20	4.36
-do- Acc	552.40	590.80	-0.30	4.36
Income	294.20	314.60	+0.30	3.08
-do- Acc	621.90	665.10	+0.60	3.08
Japan Gth	367.70	393.30†	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	388.10	415.10	+1.80	...
Mandarin Acc	109.40	117.00	+0.90	0.76
North American	167.40	179.00	+0.20	0.52
-do- Acc	211.20	225.90	+0.30	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0606 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	298.70	317.50	+4.20	...
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	+0.01	7.02
Deposit Acc	123.96	123.96†	+0.01	7.02
Euro Gth Acc	320.30	342.40	-0.10	...
Europa	138.40	148.90†	-0.10	...
Intl Gth	179.40	191.80	+0.30	...
Japan Tracker	80.76	85.96	+1.00	...
UK Equity Inc	165.30	177.60	-0.30	3.73
-do- Acc	202.70	217.80	-0.40	3.73
UK Ind Tracker	149.90	160.40†	+0.10	3.00
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.10	208.90†	-0.20	1.43
-do- Acc	208.50	219.10†	-0.20	1.43
Asian Trader	181.90	197.40	+2.60	0.40
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	170.90	175.10†	+1.40	1.75
European	66.81	67.98†	+0.09	1.70
Olympiad	60.74	62.31†	+0.49	0.21
Global Bond	49.26	49.81†	+0.07	6.24
Smaller Cos	70.73	73.89	+0.07	1.21
Equity Income	96.29	98.86†	-0.17	4.99
UK Growth	87.28	90.01	+0.06	1.77
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.82	51.00	+0.08	1.15
Australian Acc	324.10	347.70	+3.20	...
Conscience	65.91	70.34	+1.33	1.19
-do- Acc	71.15	75.93	+1.44	1.19
European	183.20	194.80	-0.80	0.80
-do- Acc	191.30	209.60	-0.90	0.80
Extra Income	75.41	80.47†	-0.15	5.52
-do- Acc	116.90	124.70	-0.20	5.52
Far East Gth	184.60	197.30	+2.00	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.64	63.99†	+0.12	6.19
Gold	45.25	48.65	+0.31	...
-do- Acc	48.73	52.39	+0.33	...
Income	35.66	39.37	+0.49	4.65
-do- Acc	170.30	181.60	+1.50	4.65
International	31.33	33.59	+0.09	0.63
-do- Acc	45.01	48.27	+0.14	0.63
Jap Sm Cos Acc	387	412.80	+7.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	228.30	244.80	+3.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	27.12	29.16	+0.41	0.64
Special Sits	34.13	36.69	+0.10	1.72
-do- Acc	39.31	42.26	+0.13	1.72
Tokyo	89.86	95.85	+0.95	...
-do- Acc	90.77	96.82	+0.96	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5521				
N&P UK Growth	70.35	75.08	+0.23	2.56
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.82	82.35†	-0.33	6.01
N&P Higher Inc	213.60	227.30	+0.20	4.57
N&P UK Income	107.90	114.80	...	3.58
N&P Intl	92.93	98.87	-0.23	1.81
N&P Smaller Cos	78.48	83.49†	-0.45	1.53
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR. 071 332 9000				
General	175.66	186.88	+0.48	1.50
Global	311.99	331.91†	+0.17	2.86
Growth	115.50	122.88	+0.30	1.72
Income	216.23	230.04	+0.65	3.50
Intl Bond	137.82	146.31	-0.17	7.30
Intrepid Fd	97.61	101.68	...	1.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 598, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626677				
Growth	145.10	152.60	-0.10	2.43
-do- Acc	257.00	270.50	-0.10	2.43
Income	235.30	250.30	...	3.23
Intl Equity	235.70	250.70†	-0.80	0.70
-do- Acc	259.60	276.20	-0.90	0.70
Equity	228.40	242.90	...	2.30
-do- Acc	468.20	498.00	-0.10	2.30
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.75	78.45	-0.01	1.78
UK Income	64.22	68.32	-0.01	2.80
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.81	87.02	+0.07	1.39
New Europe Acc	67.22	71.50	-0.06	0.42
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	104.96	112.26	-1.39	0.18
PEP Growth	108.79	116.36	-0.04	1.38
Intl Gth	527.57	564.25	-1.58	0.62
Income	332.99	356.14	-0.03	3.02
W wide Recov	335.37	358.69	-0.95	0.51
American Gth	219.38	234.85	+0.19	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	207.17	221.58	+3.33	0.19
Far East Gth	240.90	257.65	+2.36	0.30
European Gth	126.61	135.42	-0.18	0.98
UK Growth	82.67	88.42	-0.22	2.75
High Income	90.21	96.49	+0.03	4.19
Japanese Gth	231.05	245.66	-0.91	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	192.30	204.50	+3.10	0.61
High Income	115.90	123.30	+1.60	3.35
Conv Gilt	120.60	128.20†	+3.80	5.63
Far East	344.00	365.90†	+7.60	0.23
Global Inc Acc	33.72	35.87	+0.08	4.68
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.17	55.50	+0.39	0.20
Emerging Mkts	75.60	80.43	+2.37	0.49
General	49.80	52.98	+0.11	3.03
International	90.34	96.11	+1.50	1.26
Gilt Units	26.71	27.54†	+0.16	7.00
Global PEP	37.74	40.15	+0.47	1.93
Income Gth	70.24	74.72†	-0.02	4.38
European	47.01	50.01	-0.10	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.16	28.89†	+0.04	5.41
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490. Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.32	35.63†	+0.09	1.50
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.35	101.85†	+0.01	4.82
-do- Acc	106.54	107.08†	+0.01	4.82
Pru Equity	694.02	742.26	+7.52	2.43
Pru Equity Inc	84.18	90.03†	-0.03	4.34
Pru European	191.32	204.62	+1.15	0.81
Pru Global Gth	83.87	89.69	+0.23	1.19
Pru High Inc	89.45	95.66†	-0.07	4.50
Pru Intl	170.28	182.11	+0.57	1.03
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.76	78.88†	+0.24	0.62
Pru Japanese	209.69	224.26†	+0.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	152.73	163.34	+0.15	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	85.43	91.36	+0.86	1.01
Pru Premr Inc	51.71	53.84	+0.19	5.05
Pru Smllr Cos	88.03	94.14	+2.13	2.14
Pru Spec Sits	103.11	110.27	+1.05	2.29
Pru UK Grwth	114.36	122.33†	+1.20	2.37
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2861/4				
FA Income	164.58	175.83	-0.37	3.87
FA Japan	296.51	315.76	+4.35	...
FA Maj UK Cos	96.28	102.76	+0.03	2.39
FA America Inc	521.62	556.59	+0.21	0.92
-do- Acc	607.84	647.43	+0.24	0.92
FA Smlr UK Cos	281.06	304.32†	-0.67	1.46
FA European	274.93	291.27	+0.05	1.25
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829829 (IPAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.85	79.63	+0.35	3.76
Capital Units	152.30	162.00	+0.50	1.07
Commodity	103.70	110.30†	-0.20	1.11
European Gth	172.70	183.70	-0.20	1.06
Financial Sec	188.00	200.00	+0.70	1.27
High Return	221.00	235.10	+0.10	3.70
High Yield	217.30	231.20†	-0.10	3.87
Income Units	115.90	123.30	...	4.46
Investment	192.50	204.80	...	1.16
Japan Gth	174.00	185.10†	+1.10	...
Japan Smaller	210.70	224.10	+3.30	...
Masterfund	50.30	53.51	+0.12	0.84
Scotbits	286.70	305.00	+1.00	0.93
Scotshares	267.10	284.10	-0.50	2.31
Scotyields	233.20	248.10†	-0.10	3.81
Select Intl	135.70	144.40	+0.70	0.57
Smaller Cos	238.90	254.10†	-0.30	3.79
Special Situation	113.20	120.40	-0.10	0.66
UK Equity	234.00	248.90	+0.20	2.64
US Growth	145.10	154.40	+0.50	0.25
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London. EC4V 4EJ, Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 548				
American	244.36	259.90	+1.84	0.55
-do- Acc	264.75	281.59	+1.99	0.55
Australian	133.35	142.24	+0.20	0.32
-do- Acc	157.57	168.07	+0.23	0.32
UK Enterprise	228.97	244.23	+0.26	2.15
-do- Acc	267.57	285.40	+0.30	2.15
European Gth	66.88	71.12	+0.31	1.18
-do- Acc	69.46	73.87	+0.33	1.18
Euro Smllr Cos	61.64	65.69	-0.03	0.58
-do- Acc	62.06	66.14	-0.03	0.58
Far Eastern Gth	80.10	85.44	+1.33	...
-do- Acc	81.40	86.83	+1.36	...
Fixed Interest	53.29	58.26	+0.35	5.79
-do- Acc	69.48	73.22	+0.44	5.79
Gilt Income	108.18	114.02	+0.90	7.04
-do- Acc	155.36	163.64	+1.29	7.04
Income	337.82	360.34	+0.28	3.88
-do- Acc	1015.2	1082.9	+0.84	3.88
Japan Enterprise	71.92	76.71	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	71.92	76.71	+0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	530.92	566.31	+5.38	...
-do- Acc	531.98	567.44	+5.38	...
Pacific Gth	107.51	114.67	+2.19	0.09
-do- Acc	110.70	118.07	+2.26	0.09
Smaller Cos	201.50	215.35	-0.34	0.83
-do- Acc	233.51	249.07	-0.40	0.83
Tokyo	119.28	127.23	+1.03	...
-do- Acc	120.49	128.51	+1.04	...
UK Equity	225.40	240.42	+0.65	2.49
-do- Acc	423.16	451.36	+1.22	2.49
US Smllr Cos	148.86	158.78	+1.69	...
-do- Acc	148.86	158.78	+1.69	...
World Fd	75.33	80.35	+0.44	1.67
-do- Acc	80.08	85.41	+0.46	1.67
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	50.19	53.45	-0.23	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.62	69.89	-0.40	0.94
European Opps	78.69	83.81	-0.39	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.40	100.94	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.25	62.04	-0.01	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	361.20	385.50	+1.00	2.68
American	258.80	274.70	+1.00	0.70
Pacific	363.30	388.60	+2.30	0.57
European	491.80	526.00	-0.70	1.04
Worldwide	87.05	93.10	...	0.98
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	314.70	334.80	-0.05	2.00
UK Sm Cos Eqty	220.00	234.10	-0.80	1.43
European	362.00	385.20	+1.30	1.52
North American	270.70	288.00	+1.20	0.55
Income Plus Inc	70.34	74.83†	-0.53	2.73
UK Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.16	28.07†	+0.02	2.75
Intl Growth Acc	31.21	33.40†	+0.08	0.98
Market Ldrs Acc	27.11	28.02	-0.01	2.93
FOR SCTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	†109.40	...	+0.10	...
Global Bond	†105.80	...	+0.20	7.11
Japan Samurai	†101.10	...	-0.90	...
UK Growth	†103.10	...	+0.90	3.84
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	47.07	50.02	-0.10	1.48
Equity Gth Acc	64.66	68.71	-0.20	1.20
UK Eq General	44.03	46.79	-0.10	2.06
-do- Acc	58.14	61.78	-0.10	2.06
European Acc	45.47	48.32	+0.20	0.70
Far East Acc	60.60	64.39	+0.10	0.28
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.38	35.30	+0.10	5.76
N American Acc	44.22	46.99	...	0.70
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	296.50	321.80	+0.80	1.23
UK Eq High Inc	38.36	40.76	-0.20	3.33
-do- Acc	45.55	48.40	-0.20	3.33
UK Lgr Cos Inc	304.70	330.70	-0.60	3.59
UK Lgr Cos Acc	396.70	430.50	-0.80	3.59
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 7977				
Global A	N£253.76	N£253.99	+0.054	1.33
US Eq	$2.250	$2.387	...	1.12
Far East Eq	Y248.9	Y264.3	...	...
Japan Eq	Y258.3	Y274.4	...	...
FT Europe	120.80	128.30	...	2.06
FT North Am	$1.765	$1.870	...	1.28
FT Japan	Y241.1	Y256.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.059	$2.187	...	1.40
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	356.00	379.50	+2.90	0.33
British	997.20	1055.0†	-0.20	3.40
European	435.40	463.70	-0.70	1.26
Japan	165.10	175.20	-1.00	...
New Pacific	327.20	348.50	+2.10	0.94
Mngd Cash	96.26	96.26	+0.01	5.07
Majority Stg	100.46	101.47	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	204.50	216.80†	+1.00	1.64
Saints PPP	408.20	429.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	771.00	824.60	+2.70	2.81
N America Acc	123.60	132.20	+0.10	0.02
Far East Acc	135.80	145.20	+0.80	0.28
W wide Bond	64.13	68.08	+0.01	5.22
European	91.88	98.22	+0.05	0.85
Equity Income	89.83	96.08	+0.14	3.83
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.09	36.46†	...	0.50
Managed Assets	125.20	133.91	...	3.65
UK Income	39.22	41.95	...	2.97
UK Growth	38.51	41.19	...	2.22
Worldwide Gth	32.85	35.14†	...	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	219.93	233.97	-0.22	...
-do- Acc	242.25	257.71	-0.24	...
British Gth	90.45	96.22†	-0.84	1.93
-do- Acc	107.14	113.98†	-1.00	1.93
European	101.49	107.97†	+1.16	0.69
-do- Acc	107.87	114.75†	+1.23	0.69
Extra Inc	195.97	208.48†	+1.66	4.03
-do- Acc	319.99	340.41†	+2.71	4.03
General Unit	279.03	296.84	+2.85	2.34
-do- Acc	557.38	592.96	+5.69	2.34
Income	345.51	367.56	-0.13	3.44
-do- Acc	717.97	763.80	-0.26	3.44
International	519.36	552.51	+3.85	0.23
-do- Acc	679.89	723.29	+5.05	0.23
Pacific	374.03	397.90	+5.36	...
-do- Acc	393.00	418.09	+5.63	...
Premier Income	54.42	56.69	+0.07	6.19
-do- Acc	115.08	119.88	+0.16	6.19
Nat Resources	129.86	138.15	+2.38	...
-do- Acc	142.51	151.61	+2.61	...
Selected Opps	102.49	109.03†	+0.95	1.18
-do- Acc	129.25	137.51†	+1.19	1.18
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX. 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Sml Cos	70.21	74.89	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	72.41	77.23	-0.28	...
European Opps	66.48	70.61	+0.10	0.42
-do- Acc	67.17	71.35	+0.09	0.42
Japan	96.90	103.36	+0.95	...
-do- Acc	96.90	103.36	+0.95	...
Little Dragons	84.79	90.44	+1.24	0.55
-do- Acc	87.29	93.10	+1.28	0.55
Oriental Income	44.61	47.58†	+0.45	3.34
-do- Acc	58.73	62.64†	+0.59	3.34
Tiger	233.92	249.51	+2.71	1.06
-do- Acc	245.76	262.14	+2.86	1.06
UK Small Cos	89.83	96.07	+0.20	1.65
-do- Acc	104.81	112.09	+0.24	1.65
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.17	18.26	+0.02	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.16	37.40	+0.15	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.35	37.60	+0.21	...
Global Bond	$0.977	$1.017	-0.002	6.90
Penny Share	25.78	27.42	+0.03	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.38	53.39	+0.01	4.88
Gilt Growth	73.18	76.16	+0.29	...
Gilt Income	54.09	56.28†	+0.14	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.50	113.00	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.730	-0.000	...
Challenger	99.88	103.20	+0.50	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.10	76.70	+0.08	1.88

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

ISE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	13,000	Cadbury	4,400	MEPC	366	Scot & New	961
Abbey Natl	1,100	Carlton C	1,000	Marks Spr	6,500	Scot Power	5,400
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Coats Vylla	741	NFC	693	Sears	4,500
Anglian W	548	Cm Union	1,000	NatWst Bk	9,500	Svrn Trent	616
Argyll Gp	3,700	Courtaulds	1,200	Nat Power	1,500	Shell Trans	3,900
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Enterpr Oil	3,800	Nth Wst W	992	Siebe	774
AB Foods	525	Forte	5,100	Nthrn Fds	1,600	SmKl Bch	3,500
BAA	778	GRE	1,100	P & O	1,900	Smith Nph	1,200
BAT Inds	2,400	GUS A	265	Pearson	862	Std Chartd	1,300
BOC	1,100	Gen Acc	300	PowerGen	1,700	Sun Allnce	1,300
BP	15,000	Gen Elec	3,400	Prudential	1,800	TI Gp	398
BT	6,900	Glaxo	5,600	RMC	751	TSB	3,500
BTR	3,700	Granada	510	RTZ	2,200	Tesco	5,600
Bk of Scot	748	Grand Met	2,600	Rank Org	1,500	Thames W	720
Barclays	7,700	Guinness	4,700	Reckitt Col	668	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	2,800	HSBC	2,400	Redland	5,700	Tomkins	1,400
Blue Circle	1,400	Hanson	7,200	Reed Intl	1,200	Unilever	1,400
Boots	700	ICI	2,000	Rentokil	1,700	Utd Bisc	759
Bowater	529	Inchcape	2,300	Reuters	593	Vodafone	1,800
Brit Aero	1,600	Kingfisher	1,900	Rolls Royce	5,700	Warburg (SG)	194
Brit Airwys	2,200	Ladbroke	6,800	Rothmans	416	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	4,700	Land Secs	1,500	Ryl Ins	3,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Brit Steel	15,000	Legal & Gn	231	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Wlms Hld	1,800
Burmah Cstrl	353	Lloyds Bk	1,900	Sainsbury	2,300	Wolseley	222
Cable Wire	3,000	MB Caradn	797	Schroders	28	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3566.02 (-0.28)
S&P Composite 460.49 (+0.38)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20105.71 (+28.30)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7676.22 (+125.12)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 124.5 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO 1964.4 (+13.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1915.71 (+8.02)

FT 30 share: 2318.2 (-5.4)

Brussels:
General 6600.80 (+37.98)

Paris: CAC 587.36 (+1.32)

Zurich: SEA Gen 575.00 (-1.40)

London:
FT A All-Share 1506.55 (+2.63)
FT 500 1618.44 (+1.18)
FT Gold Mines 184.9 (+4.4)
FT Fixed Interest 123.05 (+0.41)
FT Govt Secs 102.17 (+0.31)
Bargains 30358
SEAQ Volume 694.8m
USM (Datastrm) 145.97 (+1.28)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 27	October 8	December 30	January 10

Call options taken out on 30/9/93: Aitken Hume, Aminex, Bardon, Beterware, Brent Walker, Br Polythene, Bulgin 'A', Dev Secs, Drummond, Ex-Lands, Hadleigh, IBC, Kewill Sys, Medeva, Pilkington Wts, Shield Diag, St James Place, Steel Burrill, Utd Biscuits. Puts: Aitken Hume, Alphameric, Aminex, Bardon, Beterware, Brent Walker, Br Polythene, Dev Secs, Ex-Lands, Hadleigh, IBC, Kewill Sys, MFI. Puts & Calls: Clarkson, HTV, S Jerome.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3072.0	3074.0	3050.0	3052.0	8029
Previous open interest: 54931	Mar 94	3088.0	3090.0	3086.0	3069.5	154
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.39	94.41	94.34	94.35	17289
Previous open interest: 340051	Mar 94	94.53	94.56	94.50	94.51	4165
	Jun 94	94.51	94.54	94.50	94.51	2833
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.53	96.53	96.52	96.53	234
Previous open interest: 10318	Mar 94	96.49	96.50	96.47	96.48	61
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.85	93.86	93.80	93.80	37456
Previous open interest: 604456	Mar 94	94.40	94.42	94.35	94.37	20463
Long Gilt	Dec 93	113-07	113-18	113-04	113-07	48016
Previous open interest: 82825	Mar 94	112-23	112-23	112-23	112-18	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	113.08	113.11	113.03	113.10	1505
	Mar 94				112.62	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	98.94	99.11	98.82	98.85	79563
Previous open interest: 156806	Mar 94	99.06	99.15	99.06	98.92	147
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.40	101.49	101.40	101.41	1437
Previous open interest: 14968	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.03	93.05	92.92	92.98	3367
Previous open interest: 27703	Mar 94	93.90	93.93	93.84	93.88	1119
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.74	95.76	95.69	95.70	4838
Previous open interest: 45659	Mar 94	96.06	96.06	96.02	96.03	493
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.50	116.20	115.50	115.86	35107
Previous open interest: 67880	Mar 94				115.56	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.7 (day's range 79.7-80.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7357-2.7525	2.7357-2.7391	1/8-1/4ds	1/4-1/2ds
Brussels	51.69-52.88	52.51-52.70	15-21ds	45-56ds
Copenhagen	9.8500-9.9180	9.8500-9.8870	3 1/4-4 1/2ds	7-11ds
Dublin	1.0340-1.0366	1.0345-1.0364	8-12ds	25-32ds
Frankfurt	2.4432-2.4493	2.4460-2.4493	1/8-1/4ds	1/2-5/8ds
Lisbon	249.47-252.35	249.47-250.10	114-124ds	330-350ds
Madrid	196.55-197.86	196.55-196.99	68-78ds	200-228ds
Milan	2364.00-2401.00	2364.00-2380.00	5-7ds	16-19ds
Montreal	1.9941-2.0117	1.9941-1.9970	0.30-0.21pr	0.57-0.41pr
New York	1.4770-1.5115	1.4970-1.4980	0.37-0.36pr	0.99-0.96pr
Oslo	10.6550-10.7400	10.6550-10.6930	par-1 1/4ds	1 1/8-2 1/8ds
Paris	8.4870-8.5590	8.4870-8.5090	3/4-1 1/4ds	2 1/2-3ds
Stockholm	12.0650-12.1890	12.0650-12.1040	1 3/4-2 3/4ds	4 3/8-6ds
Tokyo	158.44-159.09	158.53-158.79	1/2-3/8pr	1 1/2-1 1/4pr
Vienna	17.12-17.22	17.12-17.16	3/4-1 3/4ds	2 7/8-4 1/2ds
Zurich	2.1321-2.1421	2.1321-2.1347	1/4-1/8pr	3/4-1/2pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5089-1.5115
Australia dollar	2.3451-2.3485
Bahrain dinar	0.5635-0.5755
Brazil cruzeiro *	184.80-186.15
Cyprus pound	0.744-0.754
Finland marka	8.6745-8.7905
Greece drachma	345.5-356.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.6822-11.6915
India rupee	47.01-47.97
Kuwait dinar KD	0.447-0.457
Malaysia ringgit	3.8427-3.8455
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7426-2.7479
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6045-5.7305
Singapore dollar	2.3887-2.3918
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1608-6.2400
S Africa rand (com)	5.1558-5.1615
U A E dirham	5.4855-5.6095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5532-1.5544
Austria	11.4125-11.4175
Belgium (Com)	34.922-34.992
Canada	1.3325-1.3330
Denmark	6.5390-6.5465
France	5.6480-5.6530
Germany	1.6200-1.6210
Hong Kong	7.7340-7.7350
Ireland	1.4418-1.4438
Italy	1578.75-1579.75
Japan	105.25-105.30
Malaysia	2.5445-2.5455
Netherlands	1.8196-1.8201
Norway	7.0775-7.0825
Portugal	166.70-167.00
Singapore	1.5813-1.5823
Spain	130.90-130.95
Sweden	8.0274-8.0374
Switzerland	1.4165-1.4175

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 27/32; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5 21/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 29/32-5 13/16	5 7/8-5 13/16	5 3/4-5 11/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 1/8-6	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	5 7/8-5 3/4	5 27/32-5 11/16
Interbank:	6 1/8-6	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	5 7/8-5 3/4	5 27/32-5 11/16

Overnight: open 7¼, close 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	5 15/16	5 13/16	5 11/16
Sterling CDs:	6-5 15/16	5 15/16-5 7/8	5 7/8-5 13/16	5 3/4-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 5/8
Dollar CDs:	3.09	n/a	3.24	3.24	3.43
Building Society CDs:	6 1/32-5 31/32	6-5 15/16	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 13/16-5 3/4	5 3/4-5 11/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Sept 30, 1993 Agreed rates Oct 26, 1993 to Nov 23, 1993 Scheme III: 7.22 %. Reference rate Sept 1, 1993 to Sept 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.954 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3 1/16-2 15/16	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7-6 15/16	6 29/32-6 25/32	6⅞-6¾	6 9/16-6 7/16	7-6
French Franc:	7⅛-7	7 3/16-7 1/16	7 3/16-6 15/16	6 13/16-6 11/16	7¼-6¾
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4 13/16-4 11/16	4⅝-4½	4¼-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $353.25-353.75 Close: $354.80-355.30 High: $356.10-356.60 Low: $352.10-352.60 Krugerrand: $353.00-356.00 (£235.00-237.00)
Sovereigns: Old $81.00-84.00 (£54.00-56.00) New $81.00-84.00 (£54.00-56.00)
Platinum: $359.25 (£238.45) Silver: $4.07 (£2.705) Palladium: $125.25 (£83.15)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	28½	42½	53	5	18	24½
(*568½)	600	5	18	29	33½	47	52
Argyll	280	20½	28½	36	3½	11	14½
(*293½)	300	7	17½	25½	12½	22	24½
ASDA	57	3½	—	—	3	—	—
(*58)	67	1	—	—	11	—	—
Boots	460	23	33	44	6	16	22½
(*475)	500	4	15	24½	29½	39	44½
Br Airways	345	22	33½	—	5½	16½	—
(*359)	360	12½	24½	34½	12½	24	29½
BP	300	28½	34½	39½	2	6	9½
(*329½)	330	7	16½	23	11	18	22
Br Steel	120	12½	18	22	2½	6½	9
(*129)	130	6	12½	17	6½	11½	14
C & W	850	55½	73	94½	5½	21½	31
(*894)	900	19	43½	66½	23½	43½	55
CU	580	39½	—	—	3	—	—
(*612½)	628	8	—	—	23½	—	—
ICI	681	42½	63	—	5½	16½	—
(*713½)	750	4½	25	34½	42	51½	67½
Kingfishr	632	28	—	—	8	—	—
(*649)	650	16½	38½	53	16	28	36
Land Sec	650	38½	50	63	4	15	18½
(*679½)	700	7½	23	36	29½	41	43½
M & S	360	31½	38½	46	2½	6½	10½
(*387½)	390	9	20	27½	11	18½	22½
Nat West	500	18	34	40½	6½	17½	28
(*508)	550	2	12½	18	44½	49	59
Sainsbury	420	20½	31½	42½	7½	18	24
(*430)	460	4	13½	24	34½	42	47
Shell	650	26	46½	51½	4	14	25
(*669½)	700	3½	20	25	32½	39	51
Smkl Bch	390	26½	39½	49	7	19½	24½
(*406)	420	10½	25½	35	22½	35½	39½
Storehse	200	23	28	31½	1½	5	8
(*219½)	220	7½	15	19½	7	13½	17
Trafalgar	101	7	—	—	3	—	—
(*104)	110	3	7	11½	8	13	14
Unilever	1050	27	57½	67½	7½	38½	49
(*1055½)	1100	7	30	44	52½	66½	77
Zeneca	700	33	56	67½	9½	24½	43½
(*717½)	750	8½	30½	42½	37½	50	71
	Series	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	34½	46	53	3	13½	16½
(*419½)	420	11	27	35	12	27	30
Ladbroke	180	6	17	18½	8	13½	20½
(*184)	200	1	9	11	22	27	33½
Utd Bisc	330	28½	36	39½	4½	13½	19
(*350½)	360	7	21	24	17	28½	38½

September 30, 1993 Tot: 29410 Call: 13606 Put: 15804 FT-SE Call: 3614 Put: 5821
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	850	32½	44	60½	21	32½	39
(*854½)	900	12	21	37½	52½	62½	68
Thames W	500	41½	46½	55½	5	11	15
(*536)	550	9½	18	27½	29	34	38
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	22	36	—	12	20½	—
(*481½)	500	9½	24	29½	26½	33	43½
BTR	360	23	31	34½	6	11	15½
(*372½)	390	6½	15	19	22	28½	31½
Br Aero	390	43½	62½	71½	10½	24	34
(*418½)	420	25½	46	57	23½	38	49½
Br Telcom	420	24	30	37½	6	14½	17
(*433½)	460	5	11½	17½	29½	38	39½
Cadbury	414	45	55	57	2½	7	13½
(*451)	453	16	29	32	13½	22	30½
Guinness	420	18½	33½	37½	16	24	31
(*423½)	460	5	17	21½	46	50½	56
GEC	330	32½	37	44	2½	—	8
(*355½)	360	11½	19	26	13	19	20½
Hanson	240	16	20	22½	4	7½	11½
(*250)	260	5	10½	13	14	18½	22
LASMO	140	11½	19	23	6½	10½	14
(*144½)	160	4½	10	14½	19	22½	25
Lucas	140	13½	18	21½	5½	9	12½
(*149)	160	4	8½	12	18	21½	24
Pilkington	140	14½	18	21½	5	9½	12½
(*147½)	160	5	9	12½	16½	22	24½
Prudential	330	22	31	34	6	10½	16½
(*343)	360	6½	15	18	22½	26	33
Redland	550	29½	41½	49½	21	31	45½
(*561½)	600	7	20½	28½	55½	61½	76½
Royal Ins	288	24½	33½	—	4½	10½	—
(*304½)	317	8	17	—	18½	24	—
Tesco	180	21	27	29½	3	6½	9
(*197½)	200	8	15½	18½	12	15½	19½
Vodafone	500	26½	41½	50	18	31	36½
(*503)	550	7½	19½	30	52	61½	66½
Williams	300	28½	37	40½	4	8½	14½
(*321)	330	10½	19	24	17	22½	29½

FT-SE INDEX (*3038)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	139	92	52	23	8	2
Nov	160	120	84	55	34	20
Dec	180	142	108	79	56	39
Jan	196	159	127	96	73	53
Jun	253	—	190	—	139	—
Puts						
Oct	5	9	19	42	80	130
Nov	20	29	44	66	95	133
Dec	32	43	60	80	108	142
Jan	44	56	74	94	121	153
Jun	81	—	119	—	167	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	34½	42½	46	6½	14½	17½
(*412)	420	15½	24½	30	19½	29	32
Amstrad	40	7	8½	10	2½	3½	4
(*44½)	45	4	6	7½	4½	6	7
Barclays	500	41	51	56	9½	19	23
(*524)	550	14½	24½	31	35½	45	48½
Blue Circ	280	18½	29½	31	14	19½	27½
(*282½)	300	9½	19	22½	26	31½	39
Br Gas	300	31	35½	38	4½	8	12½
(*328½)	330	9	18	21	17	21	27½
Dixons	240	31½	37½	43½	7½	13½	17
(*259½)	260	18½	26	33	15½	22½	26
Forte	220	16½	24	27	10½	14½	20½
(*227½)	240	7½	14½	18	22½	26½	31½
Hillsdwn	140	23	25	25½	3	5½	9½
(*159½)	160	8	13	14	11½	14½	21
Lonrho	120	11½	16	18½	7	12	14
(*122)	130	7	11½	14	13	17½	19½
Sears	110	7	11	11½	6	7½	10½
(*111½)	120	3	6	7	13	14	16
Thrn Emi	950	48	62½	79	27	43½	49½
(*957½)	1000	23½	38½	55	55½	69½	75
Tomkins	220	27½	32	37	4½	8½	11
(*239)	240	14	20½	25½	12	17	19½
TSB	220	12	18	21½	10½	17	19
(*228)	240	5	9½	13	24	29	31
Wellcome	650	66½	85	99½	22½	32½	44
(*697½)	700	36½	60	73	44½	57	68
	Series	**Dec**	**Apr**		**Dec**	**Apr**	
Glaxo	600	60½	81	—	22½	41	—
(*629)	650	33½	59½	—	47	65½	—
HSBC	700	50½	73	—	27½	46	—
(*716½)	750	26½	48½	—	51	73	—
Reuter	1500	87	121½	—	45½	79½	—
(*1519½)	1550	59	93½	—	70	104½	—
	Series	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	137	17½	20½	—	5½	7	—
(*149)	156	7½	12	—	15½	18	—
	Series	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	11½	15½	21½	4	9½	14
(*160)	180	3	6½	12½	17	22½	26
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastn Elc	550	25	36½	44½	11	21½	24½
(*559)	600	5	14½	21½	44	51½	53½
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	390	18½	22½	34½	14½	19½	25
(*393½)	420	7	13½	21	34	37	42
Scot Pwr	330	41	—	—	2½	—	—
(*382½)	390	12½	19½	25½	16	22	24

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Copper slumped to fresh six year lows, leaving traders guessing where the floor will be. Economic theory would suggest that prices will stabilise at the level of the marginal cost of production, but in the copper industry these vary wildly. In Chile, the world's largest copper exporter, costs are around $800/tonne, but elsewhere they could be as high as $1500.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	unq	Dec	952 SLR
Dec	916-915	Mar	953-950
Mar	936-935	May	957-955
May	943-941	Jul	971-966
Jul	948-947		
Sep	952 SLR	Volume:	6898

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	unq	May	1182 SLR
Nov	1180-1178	Jul	1182-1162
Jan	1184-1183	Sep	1180-1160
Mar	1179-1177	Volume:	5147

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

Spot: unq		Dec	unq
May	unq	Mar	—
Aug	—	May	—
Oct	—	Aug	—
		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	285.0-84.0
Spot: 287.0		Oct	278.5-76.6
Dec	277.5-76.5	Dec	280.8-77.6
Mar	279.4-78.1	Mar	284.8-78.6
May	280.9-79.6	Volume:	911

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.40	80.31	121.91
(+/-)	-1.36	-1.39	+0.67
Eng/Wales:	64.35	80.19	122.04
(+/-)	-1.23	-1.37	+1.05
(%)	-1.5	-35.2	+19.9
Scotland:	69.09	81.18	121.34
(+/-)	-4.67	-0.03	-1.25
(%)	-56.4	-58.2	+32.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—	Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Nov 101.65
Jan 102.90
Mar 104.85
May 106.90
Jun 108.95
Volume: 409

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep unq
Nov 102.45
Jan 104.60
Mar 106.40
May 107.40
Volume: 52

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug unq
Oct —
Dec —
Feb —
Apr —
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	75.0
Apr	88.5	89.9
May	102.5	105.0

Volume: 133

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Nov 58.25-58.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market regarded the Opec agreement as constructive, thus prices firmed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.25	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.35	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Nov)	17.45	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.80	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.95	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	184 (+3)	187 (+4)
Gasoil EEC	178 (+6)	179 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Oct	180 (+6)	181 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Nov	181 (+5)	182 (+6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	61 (+1)	63 (+1)
Naphtha	157 (+2)	159 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	176.00 SLR	Jan	176.25-76.50
Nov	176.50-76.75	Feb	174.50 BID
Dec	176.50-76.75	Mar	173.00-73.50
		Vol:	34537

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	17.43-17.44	Feb	17.78-17.80
Dec	17.60-17.61	Mar	17.82-17.85
Jan	17.68-17.73	Vol:	52121

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	176.50-78.50	Jan	n/a
Nov	174.00-78.75	Feb	n/a
Dec	176.50-80.50	Vol:	30

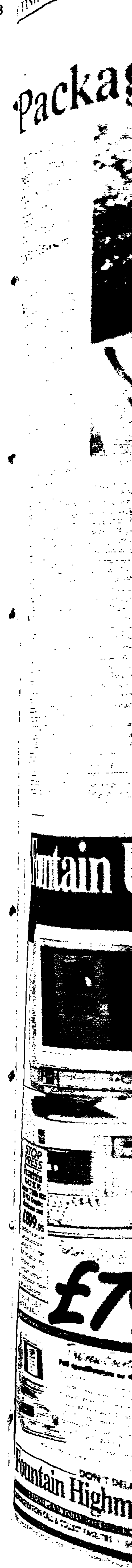
BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 93	1452	1445	1450
Nov 93	1450	1449	1450
Jan 94	1450	1436	1445
Apr 94	1460	1455	1455

Vol: 134 lots. Open int'st: 3282 Index 1415 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1657.0-1658.0	1677.0-1678.0	2395225
Lead ($/tonne)	363.00-363.50	376.50-377.00	61650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	892.00-893.00	906.00-907.00	492975
Tin ($/tonne)	4415.0-4425.0	4465.0-4470.0	12115
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1093.0-1094.0	1113.5-1114.0	1401550
Nickel ($/tonne)	4010.0-4012.0	4060.0-4061.0	82002



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INFOTECH

Packages you can bank on

Accounts software has been adapted to home use, and is increasingly popular, reports David Hewson


TONY WHITE

A £100 accounting software package has helped Malcolm McPhillimy, left, and Stephen Pape's garden furniture business

After years as the poor cousin of the personal computer software world, personal financial packages have made it into the big time. The Nineties neurosis about money and widespread scepticism about the accuracy of accounts produced by banks and other financial institutions have pushed sales of personal finance applications into the bestsellers' list.

Intuit's Quicken, one of America's most popular packages, has sold more than five million copies and a British Windows version of the program was released this year. Research by computer manufacturers assembling machine and software bundles for a hoped-for winter sales boom shows that finance packages, along with education and games applications, could be what some of the public wants to run on today's PCs.

Personal financial programs have been around since the PC's birth, but today's applications bear little relation to the simple, low-powered electronic chequebooks of a decade ago. A package like Quicken is effectively a double-entry book-keeping package hidden behind a friendly front end, as well as the ability to work out loan repayments, track share investments and calculate how much to save for your planned retirement, all for £60.

Modern personal financial packages have grown so sophisticated that they are now used as much by small businesses as by individuals trying to track their private accounts.

One reason for the boom in business use is the creation of a new generation of small enterprises, often run by people trading on their own or as partnerships, with simultaneous careers in different fields.

Official figures show that the number of self-employed has risen to 3.35 million. Most are very small businesses, often run from home, and unable to invest in the normal range of accounting packages.

The Original McPhillimy Company is a small businesses producing bespoke garden furniture from a base in rural Kent. The enterprise is a partnership between Malcolm McPhillimy, a furniture maker, and Stephen Pape, a marketing consultant. They rejected conventional accounting systems costing more than £700 and instead they use the £60 Quicken home and small business package, with its £40 invoicing add-on, for the company and other business activities.

Mr Pape says: "The big packages were aimed at accountants. They may be fine for trial balances but many small businesses are concerned with cash tracking and separating out small cash items. It is very much like keeping track of home finances."

The package can track the different elements of the company's furniture range, from timber to bolts and metal finishing, then work out the final profit margin on the finished product with a simple report.

Sage, the British company that supplies conventional accounting packages throughout the world, has entered the field with its own package, Moneywise, which sells for under £30, a fraction of the price for the multi-module applications which make up the bulk of its business. Microsoft, too, sees personal finance as a key growth market.

The cost of adapting a financial package to local use can be high, which means that British customers have a more narrow choice of products than their American counterparts. Word processors can be converted through new dictionaries, but money applications require a complete redesign in terminology.

> The record sum reclaimed by a user of the application is £47,000

While British sales of small finance packages are booming, we have a long way to go to match the sophistication of America. There, Intuit has its own arrangement with the Visa credit card company, in which credit card users can choose to receive statements on disc or by modem every month in the program's format and have them automatically update their PC.

Reconciling bank statements with payments and receipts is a core element of all the programs on the market.

To save time, they will record recurring transactions such as standing orders, automatically recording the debit at the monthly date, and predict when an account is likely to go into the red. Most will let users fill in home transactions alongside business ones, calculating the business transactions as a profit-and-loss business account at the year end.

You can set up planned budgets for costs and sales and see, sometimes as a graph, how closely you are matching them. Balance sheet estimates, often called "personal net worth" calculations in the American-based programs, can be used to estimate personal equity or a small-business balance-sheet.

Spotting errors in bank accounts is usually confined to noting cheques that have taken longer to clear than normal, but one British package is specifically designed to pick up a single banking error, the incorrect calculation of interest due on accounts when users go into the red or are paid interest on the amount they are in credit.

Speedsoft's £50 Intercal package has been programmed to understand movements in base rates since 1986 and the interest calculations used by the big banks. The user enters daily balances, then the software calculates interest due, taking into account weekends, bank holidays and the time it takes for cheque clearance.

John Strudwick, who runs the company with his programmer brother, said that the record sum reclaimed by a user of the application is £47,000. The software detected an overpayment of interest of £39,000, then calculated compounded interest of £8,000, which was used to persuade the bank in question to repay the entire sum.

The over-payment occurred because the bank had for several years been accidentally charging 20 per cent over base instead of the agreed 2 per cent. There are times when you should be grateful to your PC.

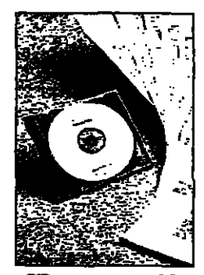
Rise and fall of the rom empire?

Technology has matched the needs of less than honest people

One of the attractions of CD-rom, the use of a compact disc to store computerised information rather than music, is that the disc is difficult to copy.

The increasing number of companies selling them have been content that information placed on a CD-rom is far harder to pirate than those programs sold on floppy discs, which can often be illegally duplicated as easily as taking a photocopy.

But all that is about to change because technology has just delivered a means to copy even more software — the CD-rom writer. This machine, on offer from a number of manufacturers, can easily copy CD-rom discs and is now available for the personal computer, thus inviting the misappropriation of up to 600 megabytes of programs or information on each disc, with a value that can exceed £2,500.


CD-rom: copyable

"From the appearance of the double-tape cassette deck, technology has more than matched the needs of persons with less than honest intentions," says Robert Hay, the chief executive of FAST, the Federation of Software Theft.

CD-roms provide a large measure of convenience for PC users and are typically used by software firms that have large and sophisticated programs that would otherwise take up several ordinary floppy discs.

For example, to install IBM's latest release of the operating system, OS/2, you need to change floppy discs more than 20 times. The CD-rom version requires no disc changes and is consequently much faster to set up and does not require constant user attention.

There is also a growing range of multimedia applications for education and entertainment to exploit the capacity of the CD-rom to deliver stereo sound, motion video and animation.

Software publishers that have expensive software also favour CD-rom as a publishing medium, partly because you can put the equivalent of thousands of A4 pages and computer programs on a single CD.

The cost of making a CD-rom is less than £2 and it is much easier to maintain quality control of a single CD-rom disc than what could be several dozen floppies.

"In the next couple of years, almost every professional PC will have a CD-rom, so illicit copying will become a big problem," predicts Nick Manning, a multimedia product specialist for Autodesk UK, a software firm. "Publishing on CD-rom won't stop people pirating your software but it has been a big deterrent. Writable CD dilutes that protection." Kodak's PCD Writer 200, for example, is designed for companies that legitimately need to archive large amounts of data and perhaps make several copies for branches or subsidiaries. But the only hurdle for the small-scale pirate at present would be the £4,000 cost of the hardware and another £1,500 for the software. It is, however, quick and easy to use. A blank disc costs less than £20.

Mike Shelton, the marketing manager for SCO Europe, a software company, says, "The next step for protecting CD software is with holograned discs. This would immediately identify illicit copies without the hologram. The complexity of our product also provides some protection — without the manuals and support, few users could extract much value from the disc alone." Mr Hay says: "The search goes on for a cheap and effective means to foil the bad guys while not causing trouble to honest users."

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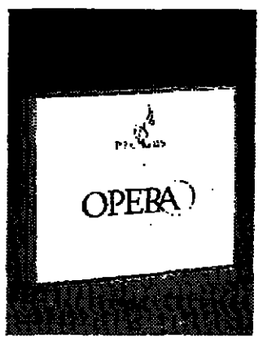
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Moving from Brighton to Brooklyn

American companies are turning to the United Kingdom to fill vacancies in specialist areas. Sean Hallahan reports on the lure of transatlantic travel

An upturn in the US economy is leading American companies to look towards the British once again to help to fill a severe shortage of computer specialists in some areas. Although salaries in America used to be higher, the differential has narrowed over the past few years, despite the pound's recent weakness.

The lure of transatlantic travel, according to recruitment companies, also remains strong.

Kathy Winton is UK manager for Datronics, an American software consultancy, which is recruiting British staff to work in America. "There is more of a parity now between US and UK salaries, but what attracts people is the prospect of a better standard of living," she says. "The old adage that you get more for your dollar than for your pound is still true."

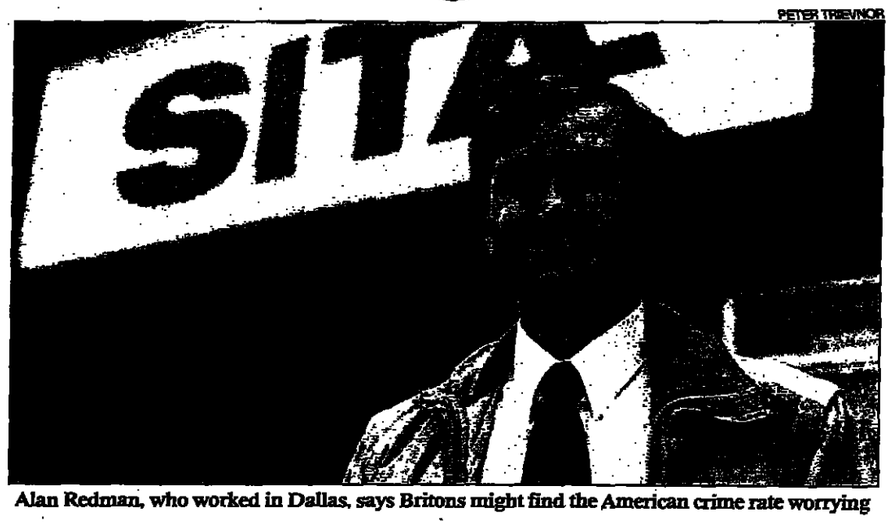
Datronics, one of the few US companies to recruit directly rather than through an agency, specialises in mainframes, minicomputers and database skills.

American executives periodically fly over to hold interviews because they believe it gives the candidate and the company a better chance to weigh up one another.

Ms Winton says that another big attraction is the lure of foreign travel. "It is often easier to get people to move from Brighton to Brooklyn than it is from Brighton to Birmingham," she says.

Nor is it just the young who are sought by US companies. Although Ms Winton says the "preferential profile is single and mobile", older people are not discouraged. "We get a lot of people in their late thirties and early forties who are either single or newly divorced," she says. "The single male is not always the preferred profile: we are desperate to have more women because America operates a quota system on employees."

PETER TREVINOR



Alan Redman, who worked in Dallas, says Britons might find the American crime rate worrying

Computer People, one of the biggest recruitment agencies offering overseas posts, places between 100 and 120 people a year in America. Julie Cripps, the agency's consultancy sales manager, reinforces the view that a salary increase is not the prime motive for moving to the US.

"Salaries have not gone up by anything as much as in the UK," she says.

One big advantage, however, is that the prospects of moving up the career ladder are greater. "We had a client who went from British Aerospace to the Bank of America as an operator. She was chatting to a senior official at a cocktail party who recognised her potential and she is now a very senior official," Ms Cripps says. "If she had stayed in the UK, she might have made shift leader but not got much further."

Alan Redman is an analyst-programmer who spent two and a half years working in Dallas. He acknowledges that it was not the money that first attracted him, although when he went to America his salary was increased.

"It was certainly more than I was making back in Britain," he says. "But since I have been back I have found that salaries are pretty much the same."

Mr Redman fits the desired profile of many of the recruitment agencies: 37 years old, single and with extensive experience in the IBM mainframe world. Although he does not regret his decision to work across the Atlantic, he offers a note of caution to others contemplating the step.

"I would recommend people to think very carefully about going. There is a huge crime rate; during my time in Dallas, a city of one million people, there were 900 murders," he says. Mr Redman was himself mugged in Texas and his home burgled.

He also warns of the difficulty of obtaining credit, no mean issue in a country where almost everything is paid for by plastic. He says: "It does not matter how good your credit rating is in the UK, you still have to establish a rating in the US."

On the other hand, accommodation can be inexpensive and generally of good quality. "You can pick and choose between furnished and non-furnished, and air-conditioning and waste-disposal units are standard," Mr Redman said.

For a one-bedroom apartment in one of the more salubrious parts of Dallas, he was paying $230 (about £150) a month.

What eventually brought him home was the absence of family and friends. Contracts in the US are usually for a minimum of one year, although they may be extended for up to six years. For people making the wrong decision and discovering that they do not like America, the penalties can be heavy.

Most companies will demand at least partial repayment of visa charges, air fares and relocation expenses. Ms Cripps says: "We ask people to commit themselves for a year and if they do leave we ask them to pay back a proportion of the visa, flight and relocation costs."

Datronics also has conditions attached to its service contracts, according to Ms Winton. The candidate must commit himself to at least a year with Datronics — although the company itself can terminate the agreement at any time it chooses.

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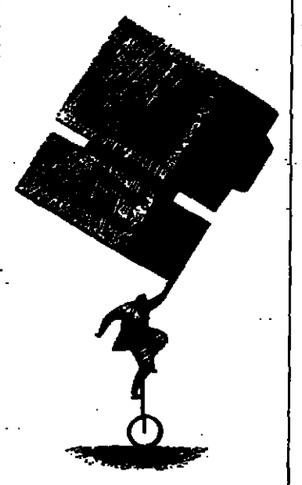
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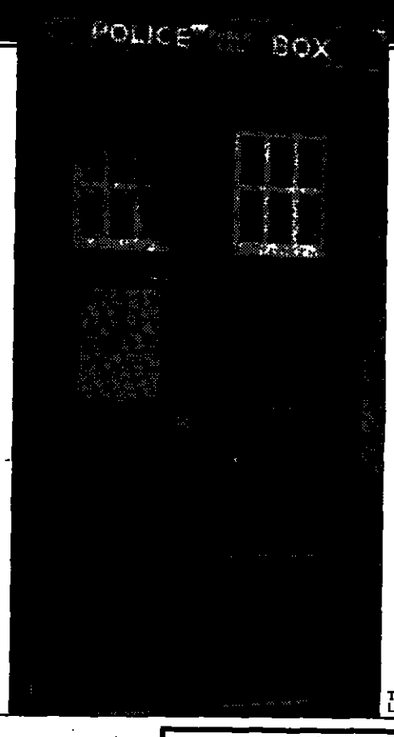


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Not long ago, the idea of a photocopier that translated English into Japanese would have been science fiction. However, Ricoh, the electronics company, has recently launched just such a machine in Japan.

The photocopier-translator will cost about £8,000 and will scan an English document and copy it, with a Japanese translation printed beneath the English sentences. It is the latest in a line of integrated or multi-function office equipment.

Although these machines offer many potential benefits, there is a growing realisation that office workers can spend a lot of time moving between them and the work desk. "Companies are realising that integration is the best way of getting the benefits of efficiency that today's office technology offers," says Eric Fordham, editor of *Business Equipment Digest*.



Equipment integration is not new; combined telephone, answer-machine and faxes have been around for years, but the difference is that today's systems use a desktop computer to control a variety of document handling processes.

Rank Xerox estimates that creating and managing documents — such as word processing, faxing and archiving — accounts for 7 per cent of a company's turnover.

Sending or receiving a fax can be a tedious and time-consuming process. A number of companies now market fax cards — circuit boards that sit inside a personal computer and enable the user to send and receive faxes from the work desk.

Rank Xerox, for example, sells Lanfax, a network fax system from about £5,000, which enables a number of computers to share a fax machine. The system was installed earlier this year at the BBC's news and current affairs department. All 20 of the department's desktop computers now share a single fax machine.

Jenny Foss, the BBC's purchasing manager, says: "More than a third of the department's personnel sit on other floors or at some distance from the fax machine. The system has certainly made life easier for them."

Docit is an integrated fax, scanner, photocopier and printer, produced by Oki, which is no bigger than a laser printer. Prices start from about £3,000. It consists of three parts: software which controls the document processing; a plug-in board which contains a high-speed processor and fax card and the hardware which can sit on the desk top.

Phil Scrase, product marketing manager for Oki Europe, says that the software is the most important component. For this reason, the software uses the same graphical symbols as Microsoft's Windows software.

Other integrated equipment includes a £6,000 combined colour copier, printer and scanner from Canon and a range of plain-paper fax machines which can also be used as copiers from Rank Xerox.

There can, however, be drawbacks if one part of the equipment breaks down and users effectively lose several machines at once. Another potential problem is that users of integrated equipment have to use a bewildering variety of technologies.

"This is why software is so important," Mr Scrase says. "Any integrated system must be able to cater for a wide range of users, from the technically competent to those who have little confidence in technology."

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Wearing television goggles and headphones, this virtual reality game at the Trocadero, Piccadilly, closes the player off from real life

We don't talk any more

Dom Foulsham sifts the evidence for an increasingly depersonalised culture

John and Marie Nielsen have reached the end of the line. After two years, the Nielsens, from Tucson, Arizona are considering divorce. Right now they are staring at the computer that is helping them to do it — in less than 30 minutes.

Quick Court is a pilot computer scheme, operating in three Arizona cities and offering instant printouts of court-approved divorce documents. "Are you *absolutely* sure the marriage can't be saved?" suggests the on-screen text in soft pastel graphics. With it comes Vivaldi and a picture of the surrogate marriage-guidance counsellor.

It is a graphic example of the depersonalisation of life, the culture of society on social auto pilot.

This month, Japan saw its first vending machine for vegetables. Such a development in one of the world's most automated societies is hardly surprising. The new generation of Japanese "street fridges" offers alcohol, newspapers, books, tobacco, pornography and of course the instant cash with which to pay for it all.

Such delights are symptomatic of Japan's revolution in "passive consumerism". This coin-slot convenience habit is emerging among what the Japanese call the "Osaku". Once a term for Japan's young comic collectors and computer hackers, it has become a blanket reference for a much larger tribe of disaffected Japanese who live a detached and private world centring on video games, computer technology, personal electronics; and the occasional root vegetables.

A survey to be published later this month by the Henley Centre, says that more than two-thirds of us now feel "very confident about using cash tills, video-cassette machines and CD players". Teletext and personal computers are close behind.

The number of people who said they "could imagine themselves shopping by TV" for everything from banking to groceries has, in most areas, nearly doubled since the question was first asked three years ago. More than 80 per cent of the UK's under-24s expressed considerable confidence with these technologies, so the social estrangement represented by Japan's Osaku is closer than the dim and distant future that some might imagine.

In the private world of sound, it has been a decade since the revolutionary "ultimate compactness" of Sony's first cassette-sized Walkman was unleashed on the British public.

Unlike the nuclear family's communal deference towards the first colour television sets of the 1960s, the personal stereo was a revolution that you could experience only for yourself, by yourself.

The ultimate in personal television was offered at last month's Live 93 consumer electronics show — the Sport, TV beamed direct into a pair of spectacles. Along with the CD player, tape machine and telephone, you can now, it seems, also wear television.

Aside from the "one-is-fun" microwave cookbooks, the single-person statistics and anwer-phones, the way in which we spend our time is becoming ever more self-orientated. According to recent market research, more people than ever participate in individual sport activities — just under a quarter of those questioned.

The most revealing aspect of this social enmity comes from a recent Minitel survey on banking habits. While only a third of people said they preferred dealing with a machine, the proportion for those under 25 doubles to two-thirds who can happily do without human tellers.

Although it was the 1960s, as we are regularly reminded, that provided the revolution in attitudes towards sexual intercourse, it might easily prove to be the 1990s when human intercourse becomes the social novelty for the next generation. Computer dating and premium-rate phonelines are, they say, not the problem but merely the symptom. It is certainly hard to find a better example of depersonalised society than with chatlines — 44p a minute buys instant company.

To many such as the Nielsens, it will not matter that a machine can serve you with a divorce as easily as a dozen carrots. It is probably just a sign of the times. But if technology dispenses with the small talk of human contact, how will that affect the few important matters we have left to share?

For the present, such developments offers much food for thought. Thereafter, you will probably need the right small change.

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New market

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Working TV

NEC, the Japanese electronics manufacturer, is to start selling a high-definition television projector which it says is the world's first for workstation applications.

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Ideal marriage of driver and carriage

George Bowman, 59, is Britain's best carriage driver — and, with a world gold medal beckoning, he shows no sign of packing it in. Jenny MacArthur reports

George Bowman is probably the most respected coachman in the world. Over the last 20 years the former scrap metal merchant from Penrith in Cumbria has won nearly every important prize in the sport of carriage driving. His temperament is as admired as his driving skills.

"You can't praise him too highly," Tom Coombs, an official international judge for the International Equestrian Federation, says. "He is a great sportsman, disciplined and resilient, and he never argues or grumbles."

Last month, at the age of 59, Bowman won his sixteenth National Carriage Driving title. It was his seventh win from seven starts this season with his team of Cumberland Cobs and came just eight weeks after he had broken two ribs and a collar bone when he was flung from a young horse. "Nothing", he says, "has been as painful."

Accidents have been an occupational hazard for as long as he can remember. He is one of nine children of a Cumbrian farmer and horses and ponies were a part of his childhood. "I was always breaking bones," he says. "I must have tried everything — rodeo riding, hunting and showjumping."

He might now have been a famous showjumper had it not been for a near-fatal accident at work 25 years ago. While demolishing an aeroplane hangar at Kilbride, near his Penrith home, the five-ton steel door slid off its jack and came down on top of him. Mr Bowman's pelvis was crushed and he was temporarily paralysed. Told he would never ride again, he decided to try driving — initially with one horse and then a pair.

One night a friend, Jack Collinson, suggested they put their pairs together to make a team of four horses. "That was it," Mr Bowman recalls. "I was hooked." His enthusiasm was bolstered when, a year later, they took part in a rerun of the 18th-century Edinburgh to London coaching run — for charity. "It was the most exciting thing I had done," he says.

His conversion coincided with the introduction of horse driving trials in Britain. Prince Philip, inspired by driving trials on the Continent, drew up rules for the sport, based on the three-day-event format, which were adopted by the International Equestrian Federation in 1971. The first British event was held that year at Eaton Hall, Cheshire. Mr Bowman competed with a team of Welsh Cobs.

Three years later he was a member of the British team at the World Championships winning a team gold medal and individual bronze. The following year Prince Philip joined the team for the European Championships in Sopot, Poland. The two men, who have since competed together in numerous teams, retain a healthy respect for each other.

Since 1975 Mr Bowman has won a clutch of medals including a second team gold and the individual silver at the 1980 World Championships at Windsor. Only the world individual gold medal has eluded him — an omission he hopes to put right at next year's World Equestrian Games in The Hague.

"The thrill of the sport is its challenge," he says. "There's so much that can go wrong you have to concentrate all the time. You're trying to achieve perfection which you can never do. Things can go wrong — a broken wheel, the carriage turning over or you can get run away with."

The quest for perfection begins with finding the right horses and carriage. Mr Bowman began with Welsh Cobs, moved on to Hungarian X Welsh Cobs and then Lippizaners before deciding to breed his own. "It was becoming too difficult to find four matching horses," he says. He chose the Cumberland Cob, bred from a Dales mare and a Hackney stallion, because of its stamina and movement.

His current five — he always has one spare — Baby, Billy, Tinker, Victor and Jack, are kept to a simple routine on his 100-acre farm outside Penrith. "I don't believe in working horses for more than one hour — I learnt that after overworking them a few years ago," Mr Bowman says. "They just need good hay, good oats and an hour's work, which is mostly road work and a little dressage practice, to keep them sweet."

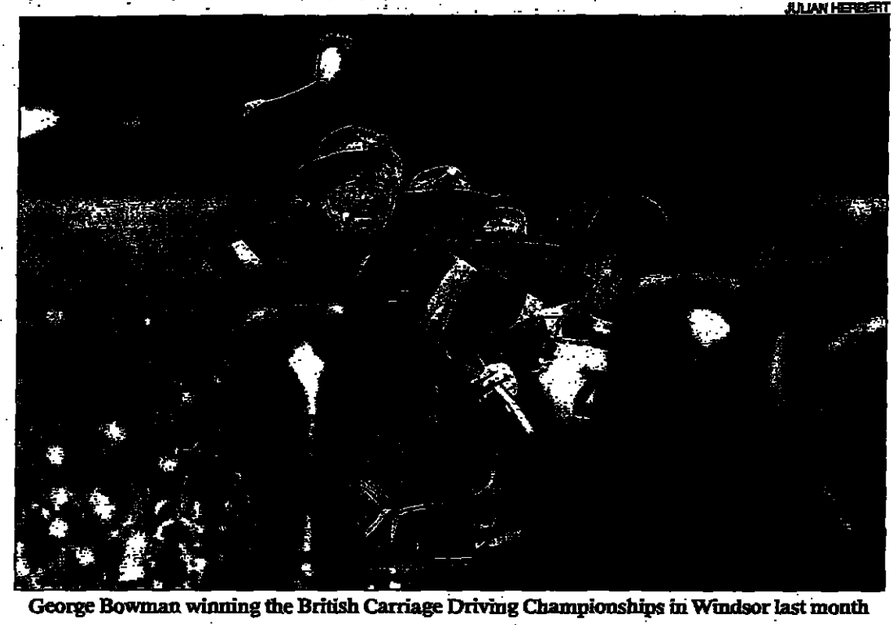
His marathon carriage has, like his horses, evolved over the years. The present model, made out of steel to comply with the 600-kilo weight requirement — is almost unrecognisable from its 1970s wooden counterpart. "They last several years," Mr Bowman says, "but I'm always making modifications. It's a bit like the motor car — you think they can't get any better but they always can." The cost is between £4,000 and £5,000. Surprisingly he is without a sponsor, though he hopes to find one before next year's World Championships.

On the marathon — which is similar to the cross-country part of a three-day event but with "hazards" instead of jumps — each driver has a groom, a navigator and a mounted referee. Mr Bowman's groom, Brian Guy, "trims" the carriage by standing on the step at the back and leaning out to stop it turning over on the corners. His friend, Nelson Mitchell, has been his navigator and timekeeper for the last 20 years. "He's only missed one event in that time," Mr Bowman says. "He just does it for the love of it."

The camaraderie of the sport — in which princes, schoolteachers, stunt riders and scrap metal merchants all rub shoulders — is part of its appeal. Yet Mr Bowman, who is 60 next week, says he does not intend to become a back-seat driver. "I can outdrive and outride any other 60-year-old," he says. "Trying to become World Champion is the challenge. Prince Philip says he'll retire at 75 and I'd like to outdo him." The competitive spirit dies hard.

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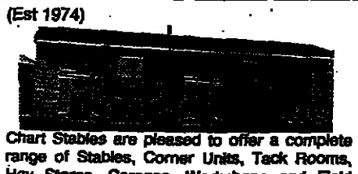


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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on Britain's finest photographer, Bill Brandt; plus (below) Alphonse Mucha

Snapshot of a nation's soul

When Bill Brandt photographed himself on the Essex coast in 1966, he did his best to pretend that it was an accident. Caught in a mirror idly propped up by a rock on beach, the gaunt figure with his hawk-like face appears to be on the move. Seemingly unaware of the camera's presence, he masks his upturned features in deep shadows as if to prevent us from discovering exactly what he looks like.

This elusiveness lies at the centre of all his other work as well. The impeccably researched retrospective selected by Ian Jeffrey at the Barbican may be far larger than any previous Brandt show, but its abundance of unpublished material do not bring us any closer to accounting for the enigmatic character of Britain's finest photographer.

Jeffrey deconstructs him to a certain extent, by showing how many of his outstanding images are from journalistic commissions by *Weekly Illustrated*, *Lilliput* and *Picture Post*. The more we learn about Brandt's alignments, though, the stranger their products become. Far from making us familiar with aspects of Britain we may not have encountered, he emphasises the mystery inherent even in everyday scenes.

Part of his strategy must owe something to Brandt's position as an outsider. Although his father was a British subject, Brandt himself was born Heinrich Wilhelm in Hamburg. He only became plain Bill during the 1930s, after taking the unexpected decision to settle in England with his Hungarian first wife. Quite why he chose to live in London, after the stimulus of a spell in Man Ray's Paris studio, remains unclear.

But Brandt, who had undergone psychoanalysis in Vienna a few years before, was a retiring individual and unsure, at this stage, of his abilities. Perhaps London's relative quietness, after the Surrealist excitement of Paris, suited his temperament. He remained unknown in England for most of the inter-war period, and returned the compliment by continuing to view his adopted country with the eyes of an inveterate foreigner.

Not that Brandt was ever content simply to go out and photograph what he discovered on his journeys. Before settling here, he showed his willingness to manipulate reality by posing his wife as a prostitute in Hamburg. Her identity hidden by a cloche hat and fur collar, Eva waits for nocturnal clients beside an illuminated Chop Suey sign. She looks like a performer in a film still, implying a Hitchcockian narrative.

Although he earned his living as a photo-journalist, Brandt never felt constrained by the need to provide a faithful record of the world around him. His work of the 1930s might appear to provide a cross-section of a nation divided between extremes of affluence and privation. But the truth is that he remained a Surrealist rather than a documentary image-maker.

> 'The most moving of these images have a biblical resonance'

When supplying the *Weekly Illustrated* with a picture of Derby Day in 1936, he unearthed a much earlier photograph of a young woman, inexplicably blindfolded, standing on a box surrounded by a bemused crowd. Published only a month before London's first big Surrealist exhibition, this bizarre figure must have looked impeccably topical. Now, however, it seems far more contrived than the images Brandt produced two years later for his book *A Night in London*.

Here, he found strangeness in the most humdrum settings. Brandt must have "set up" the two figures embracing by their bed in *Top Floor*, for their pose is based on an erotic French postcard published in the Surrealist magazine *Minotaure*. But his reliance on artifice does not spoil the photograph he produced. Secretive sexuality pervades the cramped, dimly-lit interior, and the bare female arms coiling round the man's head and neck combine the erotic with the quietly menacing. Munch, an early favourite of Brandt's, doubtless prompted him to see women as irresistible predators. Far from lapsing into Nordic melodrama, however, *Top Floor* shows how well Brandt tempered his fantasies by giving them a reportorial air.

Night-time suited his fondness for prowling and love of richly contrasted chiaroscuro. But he found the inky shadows which we now recognise as Brandtland in daylit Britain, too. Producing an impressively sustained series on coalminers in 1937, he turned their houses into Caravaggesque chambers where bleary, besmirched faces loom out of the darkness. The ritual of cleaning takes on a sacramental power in one outstanding picture. Bent over a tin bath while his wife sponges his shoulders, the miner's blanched and sinewy body looks redeemed as he submits to the daily purification.

The melancholy which Brandt discovers in so many images of slump-threatened working life should not be confused with political polemic. Unlike Orwell, who explored industrial hardship during the same period, he was never fired by the urge to protest. Rather did Brandt project onto these dour scenes something of his own unease.

Walking round this exhibition I was reminded, time and again, of Sickert. His preoccupation with the blend of sadness and sensuality in down-at-heel bedrooms, pubs and cafes often chimes with Brandt's vision. And Sickert's fascination with an undertow of violence can also be found in Brandt's work.

When the Ministry of Information commissioned him to record life in London's Tube-station air-raid shelters, Brandt felt at home. The subterranean scene accorded well with his feeling for the macabre. Unlike Henry Moore, whom he photographed sketching on the platforms, his vision was rooted in the here and now. While Moore saw the sleeping figures as antique sculpture laid out in a remote catacomb, Brandt was not afraid to focus on a pair of socks sticking up behind a woman's head like antlers.

The most moving images achieve an almost biblical resonance. An old Jewish woman leans over a container where blankets and pillows have been spread. It resembles a coffin, but a young mother gently slides her baby into this stark resting-place. The infant's presence in this gloomy context has a miraculous quality. In another picture a kneeling woman bandages a shelterer's ankle with the gravity of Christ washing his disciples' feet.

War, by a paradox, brought out the most affirmative side of Brandt's imagination. He even allowed himself to indulge in hilarity when shooting a series on "Army Suitability Tests". After the war, he soon reverted to a more sombre outlook. His finest landscapes were produced then, including an image of Pilgrim's Way carving its white diagonal path through Kent with the certitude of a Richard Long walk. Arresting portraits abound, most dramatically on Primrose Hill where a battered and pugnacious Francis Bacon pauses near a lamp-post.

Above all, though, female nudes now come into their own. Shyly at first, seated or standing in Sickertian rooms, they finally assume an abstract identity on the beach. Close-ups of goose-pimpled limbs look like biomorphic carvings by Arp, Hepworth or Moore. But they are far cooler and less reassuring than their sculptural counterparts, testifying once again to the glacial anxiety lurking behind Brandt's magisterial lens.

● Bill Brandt *at the Barbican. Details as for Mucha (see below)*



In *Coal miner's bath*, photographed at Chester-le-Street in 1937, the ritual of cleaning takes on sacramental power

Turkish delight

ART MARKET DIARY

THE surrender to Turkey of 200 ancient Greek treasures by the Metropolitan Museum in New York last week is seen as a green light for other countries considering similar suits. Ever since the Met unveiled the multi-million dollar array of bowls, ladles and incense-burners in 1984, the hoard had been an embarrassment. The government of Turkey kept coming up with evidence that it was removed in the Sixties from Turkish tombs. Now the Met has decided to settle, rather than endure a courtroom confrontation in which its former director, Thomas Hoving, was expected to testify against the museum.

The move, according to Harry Rand, the lawyer representing Turkey, is "a monumental step in establishing the rights of all nations to protection of their cultural property". According to Jerome Eisenburg, a dealer in antiquities, "one of the great museums of the world has buckled in". Meanwhile, Turkey is triumphantly placing highlights of the treasure on show in its museums.

● THE iron grip of the French museums over art exports could loosen, following a test-case in Paris. For years the country's museum curators have been able to classify works of art as "national treasures" and prevent their export, whether or not they want to buy them. But when they blocked the export of Van Gogh's painting *Jardin à Auvers* they had a nasty surprise: the vendor sued the state.

The vendor claimed that the export-block had slashed the value of the painting. Now, as the courts await an independent assessment of the picture's market value, the French auctioneers are arguing that the authorities should only be allowed to delay export for three years unless they are prepared to buy.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Designed to please

Adulation was heaped on **Alphonse Mucha** in the Swinging Sixties, *writes John Russell Taylor*. Along with Aubrey Beardsley, he was the artist most likely to be found in Carnaby Street, screened onto a bathroom mirror or biscuit tin. Did he perhaps deserve his fate? Was a biscuit tin the right place for him?

The beginning of the major retrospective of his work at the Barbican Art Gallery is not exactly promising. Some artists are natural draughtsmen who can draw a sparkling line as soon as they can hold a pencil. Mucha was not one of them. His earliest works here, made when he was already nearing 30, show no noticeable signs of special talent or even average student fluency.

But then, Mucha had hardly been a student. His application to the Prague Academy of Fine Arts was turned down, but he managed to find work in Vienna in a scene-painting workshop, and from there set up as a provincial portrait painter to such effect that at least one Czech nobleman was inspired to give him a free hand in the decoration of his *Schloss*. Another sponsored him to go to the Munich Academy. He seems already to have possessed social skills beyond, perhaps, his purely artistic, and was clever at picking up patrons and commissions.



Formidably confident patterns: *Le Rubis*, 1900

How are we to account for the *quantum* leap his work takes almost instantly on his arrival in Paris in 1887? It has something to do, surely, with the difference between painting and decoration. If Mucha had not quite learnt to draw by this time, he had acquired a formidable confidence in the making of patterns. What everyone remembers about his famous posters of the 1890s and 1900s is the overall pattern, the way that the meltingly beautiful female figures, most often either full face or in profile, are placed among the flowers and foliage, the stars and signs, so that they become the jewel in the setting. (Not for nothing did Mucha have considerable success designing actual jewellery for Fouquet.)

More at home with the lithograph than the painting, Mucha was a designer of genius, a decorator of brilliant inventiveness, a supremely confident stylist. A great artist he certainly was not: there is not enough grit allowed in to produce a real pearl.

After his heyday as Bernhardt's tame image-maker, Mucha became restless. His political convictions were genuine and passionately held, and after his triumph at that mecca of Art Nouveau, the Paris Exhibition Universelle of 1901, his thoughts turned increasingly to his native land and the tangled and unhappy history of the central European Slavs in general.

Between 1904 and 1910 he spent a lot of time in America, and again managed to work his magic with patrons, even to the extent of finding an American to finance his tremendously ambitious plans for a cycle of giant paintings entitled *The Slav Epic*. The whole scheme was finished by 1928 and presented by Mucha and his sponsor to the city of Prague.

Was Mucha an epic painter? If seriousness of intentions and unceasing application could make one, then he was. Yet it is difficult not to feel, face to face with the example from the cycle shown at the Barbican, that the agonies and ecstasies of *The Slav Epic* are nearer to De Mille than to Dante. But give Mucha a beautiful woman in a fancy costume and a poster to put her on, and he is unbeatable.

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GLINKA STATE CHOIR OF ST PETERSBURG: The former Imperial Court Capella Choir, formed by the tsar in 1479, makes its English debut concert. On tonight's programme of sacred music is Rachmaninov's *All Night Vigil* (Vespers, Op 37) and a series of ancient Slavonic church chants. The conductor is Vladislav Chernoushenko. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

RAPE OF LUCRETIA: Graham Vick's lucid production of Britten's Roman tragedy receives a welcome revival at ENO. A strong cast includes Jean Rigby, and Peter Coleman-Wright. David Parry conducts. See review, right. **Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7.30pm.

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: The company's 25th anniversary celebrations continue with Nicholas Hytner's neo-classical production of *La clemenza di Tito*. Nigel Robson sings the role of the magnanimous ruler. Ivor Bolton conducts. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

DAVID HARE TRILOGY: Hare's newly completed "state of the nation" trilogy is given the first of six all-day showings tomorrow. **Racing Demon**, 10.30am; **Murmuring**

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Mark Hargie

Judges, 2.30pm; **The Absence of War**, 7.30pm. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252).

ELSEWHERE

DERBY: The Aphra Behn revival continues. **The Lucky Chance**, seen at the Royal Court ten years ago, focuses on two young women being forced to make undesirable marriages. **Playhouse**, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

EDINBURGH: In Neil Simon's comedy, **The Sunshine Boys**, two celebrated comedians are reunited but find they still can't stand each other. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Therese Raquin, Zola's grim tale of domestic savagery, is the basis for a new chamber opera by Michael Finnissy. Wilfred Judd is the producer and musical director is Christopher Willis. After the world premiere in Bury the production goes on tour. **Theatre Royal**, Westgate Street (0284 769505). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Philip Prowse's bold staging of Handel's great tragedy, **Tamerlano**, aroused mixed reactions when it first appeared a decade or so ago, though its theatrical impact was undeniable. For this revival at Opera North, period-performance specialist Roy Goodman makes his operatic debut in the pit. The counter-tenor Christopher Robson heads a strong cast which also includes Philip Langridge and Rosa Mannion. **Grand Theatre**, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Tonight, Mon, Thurs, Fri, 7.15pm.

SHEFFIELD/LONDON/BIRMINGHAM: Gustav Holst's **The Planets**, is given three spectacular presentations this weekend. Accompanied by light projections and special effects synchronised to the music, the Philharmonia Orchestra performs Holst's powerful work as well as themes from the great space epics, including *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*. The music on Sunday is provided by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Adrian Leaper conducts. **Sheffield Arena**, (0742 565656), tonight, 7.30pm; **Wembley Arena** (081-900 1234), tomorrow, 7.30pm; **National Indoor Arena** (021-200 2222), Sunday, 7.30.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

◪ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat 5pm.

☐ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE ODYSSEY:** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE: Annual visit of Edinburgh comedy nominated for the Perrier Award. This weekend features Doctors with Attitude, Corky and the Juice Pigs, Greg Proops and Donna McPhail. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm and 9.15pm. Phone for full details.

◪ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge in welcome revival of Rattigan. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT:** A wretched look at the clubbing habits of 1960s yoof. Starring Dennis Waterman. **Strand Theatre**, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Fri and Sat 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley begins the new regime here with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge. **Young Vic**, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat 2.30pm and some Weds.

☐ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, roving back and forth in time. With Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm; mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm.

☐ **TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's delightful Stratford production, with music from the Gershwin era, plays 16 performances here before resuming national tour. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

ASSASSIN OF THE TSAR (12): Cumbersome Russian-British production, investigating the death of the Romanovs. With Malcolm McDowell, Oleg Yankovsky; director, Karen Shakhnazarov. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

BLOOD IN BLOOD OUT (18): Insanely long and puffed-up epic about L.A.'s Latino gangs from director Taylor Hackford. With Damian Chapa, Jesse Borrego, Benjamin Bratt. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

CAREFUL: Weird and wonderful mountain drama from Canadian eccentric Guy Maddin; German Expressionism meets Monty Python. With Kyle McCulloch, Gosia Dobrowolska. **ICA** (071-930 3647)

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (15): Laura Esquivel's quirky Mexican hymn to sex, food and the female spirit, spoiled by dull direction (Alfonso Arau). With Lumi Cavazos, Regina Torne. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

CURRENT

◆ **THE FIRM** (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris. Sydney Pollack directs. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

IN THE SOUP (15): Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a thoughtful revival of one of Britten's most troubling works

Equivocal success in problem piece

The Rape of Lucretia
Coliseum

THE quotient of Political Incorrectness in *Lucretia* is of such epic proportions as to run clean off the graph paper: a patriarchal society; women content to fold linen and remark "how cruel men are to teach us love" (huh!); and Lucretia taking the whole burden of guilt upon herself. The male-chauvinist-pig tendency in Ronald Duncan's libretto, very much of its time (1946), is almost endearing in its blatancy (he saw himself as a healthy, if short-lived, heterosexual influence on the composer's circle). What is fascinating is Britten's equivocal reaction to it, part shocked, part almost admiring.

Most equivocal of all is the role of the Christian commentators, both horrified at the action and, in the case of the Male Chorus, conniving at it, almost instigating it. This puts the final "healing" sentences of the Epilogue in as ambiguous a light as the Christian framework of the *War Requiem*: can they ever have been taken at face value? How cold-nosed was the pacifist Britten's attitude to the sacrificial-victim element in Christianity?

Such musings are prompted by Graham Vick's admirably questioning production, revived by English National Opera. It is rich in detail. Were the central action not riveting in itself — the rape is so graphically staged as to make you feel dirty at witnessing it — it would be tempting simply to watch the reactions of the Male and Female Chorus on their catwalk: Rita Cullis's moues of distaste at some of Duncan's sallies, with Kim Begley's icy imperturbability finally melted by the rape, when he moves to comfort his shattered partner. Both sing superbly.

But the lodestar of the performance is Jean Rigby's Lucretia, a creature of extraordinary spiritual beauty destroyed by expediency. Her gorgeously smoky mezzo and the sensuousness of her phrasing, allied to an essential purity of demeanour, are calculated to unsettle even the most PC audience-member. And her naked despair after the rape makes one want not so much to join in the pious sentiments of the Epilogue as to rush out and do decidedly un-pacifist violence to every rutting male in sight.

Peter Coleman-Wright sings the not over-rewarding role of Tarquinius better, maybe, than it deserves, and Catherine Wyn-Rogers makes an exceptionally warm and clear Bianca. The standard of diction is higher than detractors of the libretto might want. If some passages remained muddy, this was because David Parry was in hyper-energetic form in the pit — you would hardly believe that 13 instruments could make so *much noise* — and some of his speeds precluded meaningful articulation. When he calms down, this will be a revival well worth catching.

DONALD COOPER



Jean Rigby as Lucretia and Peter Coleman-Wright as Tarquinius: a rape "so graphically staged as to make you feel dirty at witnessing it"

CONCERTS: Adventure from the CBSO; too much misplaced aggression from the visiting Czechs in London

Odd couple for starters

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

GIVEN Schoenberg's *Erwartung* and Szymanowski's Third Symphony, the rest of the programme made sense in a way. Stravinsky's *Song of the Nightingale* and the Szymanowski are complementary studies in exoticism, and Brahms's *Song of Destiny* offers a more compassionate view of the human condition so clinically observed in the Schoenberg. But why, asked the audience, were we given Schoenberg's *Erwartung* and Szymanowski's Third Symphony in the first place?

For those who left conspicuously empty seats at the opening concert of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's new season, there was clearly no satisfactory answer. For the majority who came, either through conviction or with a long-nurtured faith in Simon Rattle's taste and intentions, the rewards were consistently high standards of performance, and perhaps also a feeling that the orchestra's recording schedules are not the best basis for programmes in the subscription series.

Even so, nobody should fail to investigate either recording when it finally becomes available. Szymanowski's Third Symphony is a voluptuous, brilliantly jewelled score with atmospheric choral writing and a solo violin part (played by the CBSO leader Peter Thomas) even more eloquent than the solo tenor's (Jon Garrison).

It is a curiously evanescent piece, effortlessly floating away from the deep organ points which attempt to anchor it in C major. But the elusiveness makes it all the more desirable.

Erwartung has no claims to tonality at all, of course, and no continuity other than the irrational impulses of a mind under extreme emotional pressure. Yet, in a performance like this with Phyllis Bryn-Julson pitching and colouring the soprano part with such extraordinary accuracy, it is frighteningly clear in every detail.

Concentration on the Szymanowski and the Schoenberg did not mean that the preparation of the Stravinsky and Brahms had been neglected. Rattle conducted a lovely account of the Brahms, with the CBSO Chorus shaping the line beautifully. And if Stravinsky's exoticism in *The Song of the Nightingale* seemed factitious in comparison with Szymanowski's, the moral is in Hans Andersen's story.

GERALD LARNER

Unexpected harshness

Czech PO/Válek
Barbican

THE Czech Philharmonic has arrived in London. And before the orchestra opens the South Bank's Czech Festival tomorrow it is offering a prelude in the form of two concerts across the river.

The first, on Wednesday, was to have been under the baton of its much-loved veteran conductor Vaclav Neumann. But he was ill, and young Vladimir Válek, principal conductor of the Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra and conductor of the Prague Symphony, took his place. He was clearly determined to make his mark. This was, after all, a visiting-card concert: Dvořák's "New World" Symphony and Cello Concerto, with a spate of Slavonic Dances as obligatory encores.

But could this be the Czech Philharmonic we knew and loved? The sweet, plain-speaking and characteristically central European woodwind, the ripe yet transparent strings, the supple ensemble: so much that had been built up successively by conductors such as Raphael Kubelik, Karel Ančerl and Neumann himself, seemed trampled underfoot by a machismo aggression, by the supremacy of rhythm, and the relentless drive of the baton.

Válek conducts with shoulders and arms held high, and with sharp, sometimes brutal, right-angled movements; and that is how the music sounds. Melody was all but brushed aside in the first movement, as wind solos gasped hurriedly into place and horns whooped.

The hurtling Beethovenian rhythms of the scherzo rang out with more fury than sound in the forcefully motivic third movement, with its charmless central serenade. Only time will tell if the orchestra becomes itself once again under Libor Pesek (Barbican, tonight), and Jiří Belohlávek (Festival Hall, tomorrow).

What had initially seemed a bewildering performance of Dvořák's Cello Concerto by Lynn Harrell began to fall into place in the light of the symphony. This was playing that was both loud with raw, instinctive energy, and strangely mannered, with too much coy portamento and loose, almost slippery passagework.

Perhaps Harrell, as newly-appointed principal of the Royal Academy of Music, was so thrilled to be out of the office and making music in public once again, that he was intoxicated by, and a compliant partner in, so much that was going on around him.

HILARY FINCH

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Stardom by appointments ... the Pet Shop Boys still living in synth ... techno's Underground

Hi, I'm Kenny. Buy my album

Kenny Thomas sings like an angel and works like the devil to build his soul career. **Alan Jackson** reports

At a time when Nirvana and Meatloaf are tapping the loyalties of millions of record buyers, and both the Beatles (two discs) and Prince (an unprecedented three) are the subject of high-profile retrospectives, it is noteworthy to find an album by Kenny Thomas rivalling them for sales. Even more so when one considers that the young north Londoner was denied the luxury of feverish pre-release features in the rock inkies, is considered far too mainstream to be thrust at the readers of the fashion or style press, yet lacks the potential for ironic re-invention that has enabled even Jason and Kylie to be transformed into mini-icons.

So does a subtle form of class prejudice colour the views of those whose publications act as conduits between musicmakers and their public? To hear professional taste-makers marginalise Thomas — as gifted and expressive a white male singer to emerge in Britain since Simply Red's Mick Hucknall a decade ago — as bland, boring, the purveyor of singalong soul, is to have your suspicions roused.

Happily, the 25-year-old former amateur boxer is too abrim with positivity to bear grudges against those who've written him off as a hero for the mythical white-Escort-and-furry-dice brigade. "There's no point my waiting for Suede's audience to get interested in me," he says cheerfully.

But as his second album *Wait For Me* (Cooltempo) has taken off without the kind of promotional red carpet rolled out so willingly for Brett Anderson and other media-sexy darlings of the younger chattering classes, just what accounts for its very respectable success? A considerable vocal talent is only part of the answer. The rest lies within the accordion-like folds of fax paper that Thomas deposits on the cluttered tabletop of a café in Marylebone High Street. "That's my promotional schedule for the past two weeks," he says. "It'll give you an idea of the sort of thing I've been doing pretty much since we finished recording."

Reading like the worksheet of some long-distance lorry driver desperate for overtime, it traverses the country from Cleveland to Cardiff, Edinburgh to Uxbridge, and is splattered with the names of television and radio stations (3pm: live interview Lincs FM, Lincoln; 5pm: live interview Mercia FM, Coventry; 7.30pm: live interview Beacon FM, Wolverhampton, and so on), of nightclubs with names like Krystals, the Black Orchid and Le Discotheque Royale and, mercifully, of far-flung provincial hotels offering the chance of a few hours asleep. "At least you must have got to spend a night in your own bed here," I say, pointing to a Monday and Tuesday given over completely to rehearsals in London for a forthcoming tour.

> 'The important thing for me to know is that I have done everything I can to ensure my record is a success'

"Well, yes, but that ended up being an early flight to Cologne, eight press interviews, back to Heathrow and an early night, up at dawn the next day to appear on GMTV, then a flight to Munich, more interviews and home again at 11pm," he says.

"My one stipulation for all this is that I'm never shown my schedule too far in advance, or I'd never get up in the morning. My attitude is: 'Throw it at me, and I'll be fine.' Anticipation is always the worst bit; actually doing it isn't as bad at all.

"The important thing for me to know is that I myself have done everything I possibly can to ensure my record is a success. And if that means making a personal appearance at every radio station and nightclub in the country, I'll do it."

Other artists with a comparable talent and track record of sales — *Voices*, his debut in 1991, sold in excess of 600,000 in the UK, included four major hit singles, and won Thomas the Brit Award nominations as Best Male Vocalist and Best British Newcomer — would not feel they need make the effort. "But everyone knows how transient pop success can be, and I've been off the scene for 18 months. So if I was to indulge my ego and decide I was too big to go round meeting all the local DJs and that they'd play my singles anyway, I could find myself rudely awakened.

"Obviously there are times when you arrive somewhere and think, 'What on earth am I doing here?' But then you remind yourself that it could mean the difference between a song going into the Top 40 or not and you just get on with the job."

Club appearances are the first rung on the ladder for all artists who, like Thomas, rely on a young, dance-orientated audience for their potential fan-base. Established names can be hopeful that a high percentage of a 1,500-strong crowd is, at the very least, passively interested in hearing them sing their hits to pre-recorded backing tapes. But absolute beginners have no such grounds for optimism, nor any familiar body of work with which to grab their audience.

"I did as many as five different clubs in one night, some where you were expected to change in the men's toilets," he recalls of the promotional slog that helped "Outstanding", his first single, into the Top 20. "On one occasion somebody poured half a pint of lager over me from the balcony as I was singing. And, of course, you can get blokes trying to pick trouble with you to impress their girlfriends . . ."

A price worth paying, though, if it means seeing your first album going double-platinum. And, in Thomas' view, one worth repaying to ensure that *Wait For Me* has the best possible chance of recreating such initial success. Already the tracks "Stay" and "Trippin' On Your Love", both firmly in the tradition of breezy pop-soul with which he first made his name, have charted as singles. Now it is his hope that subsequent releases from the album will confound those who feel they have him securely stereotyped, and thus help attract a wider audience and higher profile: "Piece By Piece", due out in the middle of the month, is warmly melodic but mid-tempo rather than overtly dancer-friendly, while "Garden of Pain", a highly stylised track with an imaginative lyric about bereavement written by Thomas himself, should be welcomed as a major step forward.

For now, though, it is nose back to the grindstone for a man who might well seek to borrow James Brown's old mantle as the hardest working man in showbusiness. "I'm off to Thailand, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and South Africa next, doing the same thing there that I've been doing here," he says, gathering up the mass of fax paper upon which his recent past is recorded. "You know, you look at some of these old rock stars who look clapped out and haggard at 45 and you imagine the life they must have led. But although there may have been a few wild weekends along the way, you can be sure that the intense promotional schedule someone once designed for them has played its part."

So saying, he heads off to his next appointment, a man who knows too well that it takes more than just a glorious voice to make the public remember your name.

JOHN MANNING



Kenny Thomas's debut album sold 600,000 copies, so he worked just as hard promoting the second

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

In theory, musicians often act as long-range scouts for the social conditions of the future. If this is true, then the bubbling cultural soup cooked up by **Trans-Global Underground** promises to replace today's racial conflicts with a multi-culturalism of compatible but individual parts.

Formed from a meeting of three DJs who enjoyed every kind of record known to humanity, this band of fluctuating personnel has pursued a conviction that musical hybrids emerge as a natural and positive outcome whenever people migrate. Migrations are now electronic as well as physical, and the band sample as many global transmissions as they play.

This is a working band, though, as their unrelenting tour schedule proves. With a visionary outlook, a superb singer and dancer (Natacha Atlas, who grew up in the north African community in Brussels), and a willingness to take their music to the people, here, surely, is the kind of act that the music business needs.

After the release of their first single, the compulsive "Temple Head", major record companies jumped to sign them. An album was recorded, but was then stored in the deep-freeze, and Trans-Global Underground returned, with few regrets, to Nation, one of the most exciting independent labels in London.

Their forthcoming album, *Dream of 100 Nations*, encapsulates the Nation philosophy. This is music as a celebration of strangeness and diversity, glued together by dance rhythms, spoken declamations and chants of unknown provenance. Challenged on issues of musical purity, founder member Count Dubulah (as he insists on being named) claims Greek/Albanian ancestry and recites the changing aspect of Greek and Turkish music with authority.

In years to come, similar bands will take residency on every street corner. For the moment, Trans-Global Underground lead the way.

DAVID TOOP

NEW ALBUMS: Neil and Chris in familiar form – and so are the Police

Very very like the others

PET SHOP BOYS
Very
(Parlophone CDPCSD 143)

OF the many synth-pop acts to emerge in the 1980s, only the Pet Shop Boys have continued to prosper by sticking rigidly to the same old formula. While Depeche Mode, Eurythmics, OMD, Soft Cell and the others have either altered dramatically or fallen by the wayside, the Boys have made an enduring virtue out of their never-changing moods.

Naturally, there is no air of fun or revelation about *Very*. Instead, the combination of Neil Tennant's deadpan vocals, Chris Lowe's robotic keyboard arrangements and that horrid electronic drum machine that sounds like raindrops hitting a paper bag, produces a familiar cocktail that slips down easily, but without any real kick.

Even so, "To Speak Is A Sin" and "The Theatre" are both unusually pretty tunes, and although such world-weary evocations of life among the metropolitan demi-monde are the duo's stock-in-trade, the lyrics this time have a sharper bite than in the past ("We're the bums you step over as you leave the theatre").

There is, too, the undeniably engaging version of the Village People's exuberant anthem, "Go West", a quixotic chant which has been near the top of the singles chart for the past three weeks.

So, not a bad effort as Pet Shop Boys albums go, but still stricken with that knowing sense of ennui that besets all their work.

Very Relentless, a "limited edition" double-disc package, is also released this week, coupling *Very* with *Relentless*, a separate album featuring six new, mostly instrumental dance tracks, but apparently unavailable for review.



Sting, Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland — the multi-platinum blonds of the Police

THE POLICE
Message In A Box — The Complete Recordings
(A&M 540 150)

DESPITE their superstar status, perhaps even because of it, the Police always struck me as a group whose talents were underestimated. Sting's ability to turn out a good pop tune was self-evident from the first hit single ("Can't Stand Losing You" in 1978) to the last ("King Of Pain" in 1984). And there was fulsome praise, to begin with anyway, for their skill in welding the rhythmic bodywork of reggae to a standard rock group chassis.

But the group's swift and astounding success meant that the true depth of their talent was quickly obscured by interest in the more ephemeral aspects of their music and their appeal as "star personalities".

Listening again to the uniquely resourceful way in which Sting, Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland organised the irreducible rock 'n' roll unit of guitar, bass and drums to create songs that were imaginative, complex, witty and yet unfailingly accessible, it becomes obvious that here was a rare collective genius at work.

Message In A Box collects together the entire Police portfolio, from their first single, a psuedo-punk rant called "Fall Out", released in 1977, to the re-recorded version of "Don't Stand So Close To Me", which was all that emerged from the final, acrimonious recording sessions of July 1986. Along with all the tracks from their five albums, it includes B-sides and other oddities in a stylishly presented, carefully annotated four-disc set.

Although it was Sting who, as singer and chief songwriter, naturally took the lion's share of the credit, it is Copeland, the drummer (and founder of the group) who emerges as the unsung hero of this epic compilation. From his explosive forays at the end of "No Time This Time", to the spacey reggae clicks and hi-hat twirls of "Walking on the Moon" (a device which has since become absorbed wholesale into rock drumming), he constantly nudged the songs into shape and pushed the trio on to greater heights.

TEENAGE FANCLUB
Thirteen
(Creation CRE 144)

TEENAGE Fanclub's celebrity has, so far, outstripped their popularity. The Glaswegian quartet already have three albums to their name and their critical notices have been unstintingly favourable. But they have not breached the Top 20 . . . yet.

They take no chances, or prisoners, with their sprightly fourth album, *Thirteen*, adding a flagrant steal of a T Rex riff ("Hang On") and George Harrison's guitar sound ("The Cabbage") to an impeccable collection of influences ranging from the country-rock stylings of Neil Young to the pop smarts of American cult darlings Big Star.

Their neatest trick is to turn threadbare romantic catchphrases like "I'm in love with you", and even something about "a new vibration" into innocent and rather touching celebrations of joy. Indeed, "Song To The Cynic" with its defiant chorus of "No, you won't leave your mark on me", is the album's keynote lyric.

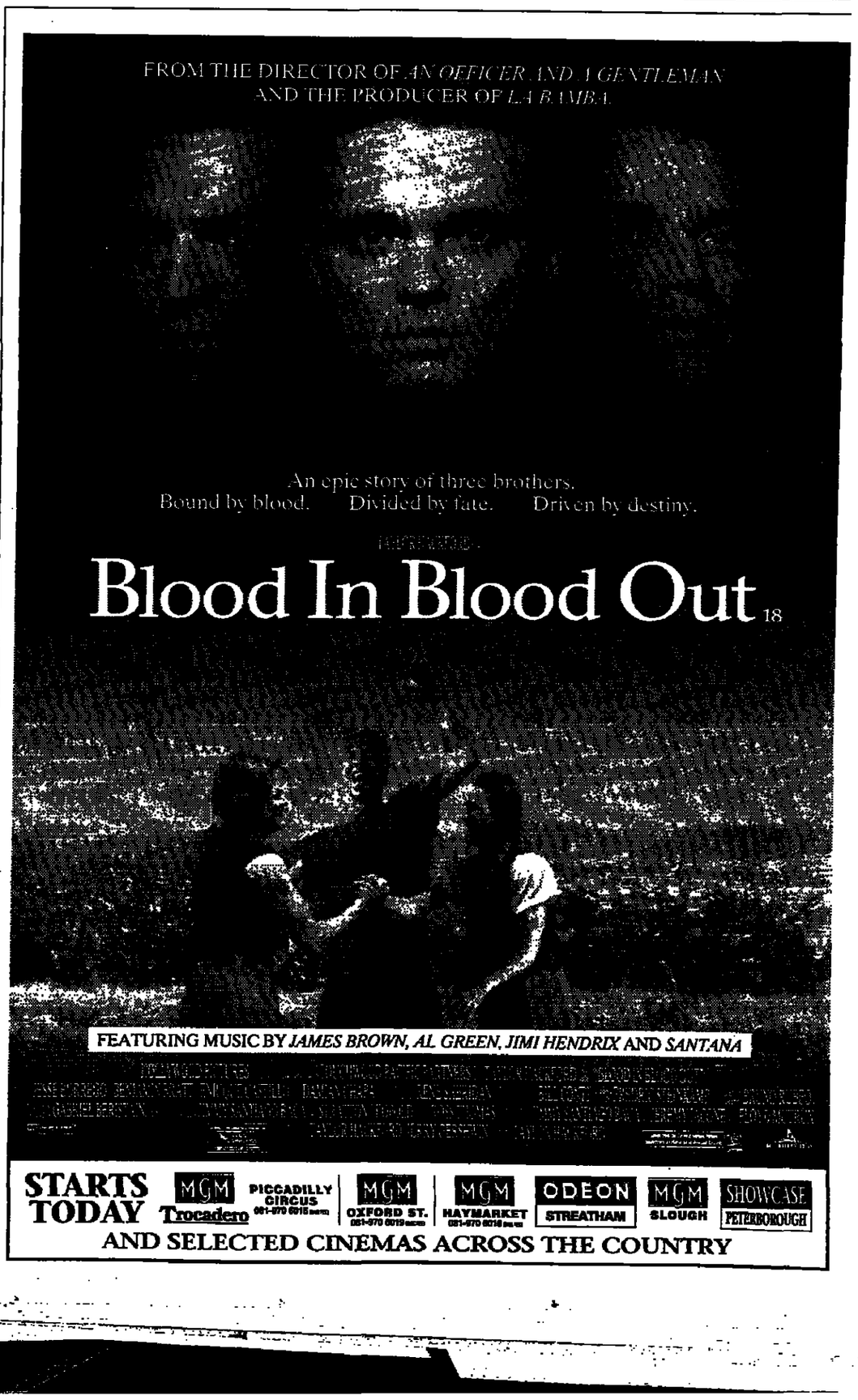
Inevitably, a certain gravitas goes missing along with the angst, but now that groups like the Lemonheads have made it cool to be carefree, perhaps the Fannies will receive their just desserts.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

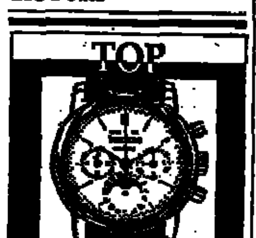
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2	Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell	Meatloaf (Virgin)
3	In Utero	Nirvana (Geffen)
4	1962-1966	Beatles (Apple)
5	1967-1970	Beatles (Apple)
6	Very Relentless	Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone)
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MOTORING

Taking the car out for a spin

Most drivers do not know what to do in a skid. Now they can discover how they would cope, says Kevin Eason



Maria Larter: she travels 1,000 miles a week and admits that getting out of a skid could be more a case of luck than good management

Maria Larter screamed as her car twirled with Torvill and Dean-like grace and swished through a signpost and into a snowdrift. She could afford to laugh. The car was merely a simulation on a form of adult version of Nintendo, designed to test her ability in a crisis.

It may have been a game, but a sharp retort from Louise Aitken-Walker, Britain's leading female rally driver, reminded Ms Larter that the game had a serious purpose. "Don't laugh," she said. "You've just written off your car."

Ms Larter was the first driver in Britain to try out a simulator which could help save dozens of lives this winter. Ms Aitken-Walker was looking over her shoulder at the launch at South Mimms services, on the M25. The simulator is touring service stations in order to give drivers the chance to get behind the wheel of a car they can crash as many times as they like and still go home safe.

This is the season when motorists start "ice dancing", going into skids which put them into trouble — and sometimes into the mortuary.

According to statistics for the winter of 1990, 69 per cent of accidents in rain, ice and snow were caused because drivers lost control of their vehicles. The trouble is that drivers usually have no chance to learn how to control a skid until the moment when it happens ... and then it is too late.

The method of driver tuition in Britain means that millions are handed their licence and told to get on with it even though they have never driven at speed, probably not driven at night or in bad weather, and never had to test their mettle in the sort of situations which might mean the difference between life and death.

Although the transport department makes meaningful noises, there is no sign that the driving test will become more difficult, although a written theory test may be added. Unfortunately, scoring well on the multiple choice section will be worthless when the car hits black ice for the first time.

Motoring organisations have long campaigned for driver training to be widened. Even if the test is not stiffened, they say, drivers with licences should seek out advanced training. Some do go to one of the 14 skid-pan schools around the country to learn how to get themselves out of trouble.

The vast majority, however, do not. David Williams, of the Guild of Experienced Motorists (GEM), says: "It is experience that gets you out of a skid — but how do you get the experience unless you actually have a skid and end up in an accident?"

That is where the simulator could help. GEM has joined forces with Welcome Break service stations to sponsor the simulator, made by AGC Simulation Products of California, which will be set up in nine locations throughout October.

Drivers taking a break from the real thing can pit their skill against the simulator, which is programmed to allow them to drive at high speed and in ice and snow.

AGC makes programs to help train police in the United States so that the computerised roads have twists, turns and hills, roadside signs, houses and hotels — even a herd of simulated cows.

I took the simulator for a spin to find out whether I will be equipped to cope if the worst happens this winter — and got a nasty shock.

Speeding up to 70mph on an open road, I discovered a left-hand bend too tight for comfort and slid at high speed across the opposite carriageway and into a snow bank.

As Mr Williams pointed out, a mixture of poor road conditions and excessive speed can be potent.

Maria Larter was more cautious. A representative for a reprographics company, she covers about 1,000 miles a week in her Ford Orion and has managed to avoid having a serious accident.

But she admitted that getting out of a skid could be more a case of luck than good management. "I have never been in a skid, so I am not sure what would happen," she said. "The machine has been a warning."

Peter Coulthard, a salesman who covers hundreds of miles a week in an Audi 80, was also alerted to the potential problems after ten minutes of putting the simulator into a series of spins. "I just hope it never happens for real," he said.

Unfortunately, it will happen this winter to thousands of unprepared and inexperienced motorists.

The best way to survive is not to get into a skid, according to the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Ted Clements, the IAM's chief examiner says it is vital to read the road ahead and tells drivers to remember that the mnemonic BASS gets them into trouble:

- B: too heavy use of the brake pedal.
- A: too much acceleration.
- S: too much jerky use of the steering.
- S: too much speed means too little time to react.

Smooth driving is the key to survival. If the worst comes to the worst and a car starts to skid, Mr Clements advises drivers to steer into the direction the car is moving and to get off the throttle as quickly as possible and even the brake, although the instinct is to press harder, until the car is under control.

> 'Experience gets you out of a skid — but how do you get the experience unless you actually have a skid?'

- *The skid simulator will be at Welcome Break locations on these dates: M4 Newbury, Membury services westbound (October 5); M5 Bristol, Gordano (October 7); M4 Bridgend, Sarn Park (October 8); M6 Chorley northbound (October 12); M6 Chorley northbound, Charnock Richard (October 14); M62 Brighouse westbound, Hartshead Moor (October 15); M1 Leicester northbound, Leicester Forest East (October 19); M1 Milton Keynes northbound, Newport Pagnell (October 20).*

The Charade joins the brat pack

Daihatsu's baby once had the distinction of being different — now its latest model is just like many other mini cars

Competing in just about the toughest sector of the market means a manufacturer has to produce a car of remarkable character and performance if it is going to succeed.

The small car sector has just about everything — the Nissan Micra, the European car of the year, the cute Vauxhall Corsa, the big-selling Ford Fiesta and Rover's reliable Metro series. Then there is the Daihatsu Charade, *Kevin Eason writes.*

The Daihatsu-who, I hear you ask. The answer is that the Charade has been around for a long time although in small numbers in Britain.

The Charade was at least a curious if not a major competitor in its old guise as a frugal, one-litre car with just three cylinders and a distinctive body style. Daihatsu has now gone down the mainstream route with the fourth generation model by turning to conventional four-cylinder technology which is quieter, smoother and less harsh.

The body is also boxier, more upright and rounded — just like so many other "baby" cars trying to attract buyers at the bottom end of the market.

The changes have helped turn the Charade into one of the crowd. If the car had an attraction, it was in its differences from the rest of the field. There is no doubt that the new Charade is better than the old, but it is not better than the rest and seems hardly likely to be interesting enough to have small car buyers beating down the doors of Daihatsu showrooms.

The exterior is yet another bland box, while the interior is comfortable but only functional: not tempting enough to want to stay in the car for any length of time.

The ride is typical of a small car — not as refined as a Micra or Metro but a bit lumpy with a distinctly rolling gait as it goes into long corners.

There is 60 miles to the gallon economy — but most cars in this segment can stretch the family travel budget, while the latest Citroen AX can head towards 100mpg in the most delicate hands.

The Charade is one of those models that buyers turn to for comfort, with the virtues that made Japanese cars popular in this country 20 years ago: three-year, unlimited mileage warranty coupled with confidence in Japanese reliability.

If that is what buyers want, then the Charade might do. But the increasing reliability of European-made cars, plus their sense of style, probably puts the Charade into the second division among the baby cars.

THE FACTS

On test: Daihatsu Charade 1.3GXi.
Price: £8,795.
Engine: four-cylinder, 1.3-litre through five-speed gearbox, power transmitted through front wheels. Power steering standard, automatic gearbox available as option.
Performance: top speed 105mph.
Fuel economy: 37mpg in town.



Daihatsu Charade: up against stiff competition

ROADWISE

British fleets may be turning Japanese

BRITISH-made Japanese cars are gaining in popularity in company fleets, according to Fleet Management Services (FMS). The company says that resistance to Japanese brands is falling because Toyota, Honda and Nissan make their cars in Britain. FMS says a Nissan three-door, Micra 1.0L, made in Tyne and Wear costs 16.78p a mile to run over 70,000 miles compared with 17.03p for a Vauxhall Corsa and 17.45p for a Ford Fiesta.

Mazda attack

MAZDA is attacking the market with price cuts averaging 4.6 per cent on nine different 323 and 626 models — a saving of £760 in some cases. Mazda is aiming to beef up its flagging presence in the UK.

Although its cars are regarded with admiration in most quarters of the industry, the Japanese company has been unable to maintain sales against the recession. Now the Mazda 323 1.3i LX three-door starts the range at £9,399, a cut of £397.

Pay later

BUY a Rover this month on a finance deal arranged by the company and there is nothing to pay until next year. Rover says its Plan 94 requires a minimum deposit of 15 per cent and a minimum finance amount of £3,000.

Van aid

THE handyman confident enough to tackle home repairs gets new help with the caravan from Haynes, the publisher of do-it-youself manuals for almost every make of car. Haynes has produced a booklet to give tips on everything from how to install facilities in the caravan to repairs as well as a list of useful addresses. *The Caravan Manual* costs £12.99.

Lotus gazing

ENTHUSIASTS saddened by the recent fall from grace of Lotus can at least rejoice in the company's glorious past with a *The Lotus*, a new book by Graham Robson. It charts the rise and fall of the famous marque from its foundation by the late Sir Colin Chapman, as well as racetrack successes.

Price £2.25 from Shire Publications, Cromwell House, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 9AJ.

King's mini

NESTLING among the newest cars bristling with the latest technology at the London Motor Show at Earls Court later this month will be a small, green Mini with an illustrious history.

Built in 1969, the 1275cc Mini Cooper S was owned by King Husain of Jordan, who ordered an automatic gearbox — at the time, rare on a small car. He clocked up about 4,000 miles until the car found its way back to the UK in 1986.

Now the car that won a king's heart will be shown by Paradise Garage, of Clapham, London.

Age to age

IN the motoring equivalent of laying down a fine wine, Bob Mercer, an American, has been hiding away cars. In an old bus garage, the former Ford dealer in Nebraska kept cars registered as long as 30 years ago but never driven when they were fresh from the factory assembly line.

Clearly, he lost no sense of enterprise when he retired recently; *Automotive News*, the newspaper for the American auto industry, says that he put cars ranging from a 1962 Galaxie to a 1970 F100 pick-up on sale at prices up to £30,000.



The theft of motor vehicles is developing into a national epidemic — but now a cure might have been found

Is this the system to lock out car thieves?

A tiny, hidden capsule less then an inch long could save 120,000 motorists from "high-tech" thieves during the next year. Small enough to fit into a key fob, it unlocks a system containing more than 4.9 billion codes.

The capsule, or transponder, is a transmitter which communicates with a car, sending out a signal which is recognised by an internal "electronic brain" beneath the bonnet.

Even if a thief were to cut duplicate door and ignition keys, he could not get away with the car without the transponder and its code.

The transponder is the latest in a line of weapons designed to defeat Britain's growing number of car thieves. It comes from Ford and will be fitted to the revamped Escort, the best-selling model in the country, which is launched officially in showrooms today. The company is harbouring hopes that it will be the most successful antidote yet to an epidemic which has sickened motorists during the past few years.

Ten years ago, the insurance industry paid out about £52 million as a result of car crime. Last year, that figure was about £648 million, 12 times that of a decade ago and 40 per cent up on 1990.

There seems to have been no method of preventing the epidemic spreading even to those motorists willing to spend time and money in the search for cures.

Most thefts are by joyriders, opportunists who know the weak spots in a car's defences and take only a few seconds to get in, "hot wire" the starter system, and drive off.

But even they have become more sophisticated in their approach as motorists have tried to protect their biggest purchase after their house.

Every time the manufacturers have come up with a new anti-theft device, the thieves have simply found a way to beat it. Motorists have invested millions of pounds in everything from metal bars to the latest alarms and engine immobilisers — yet they still return to their parking spots to discover the car gone.

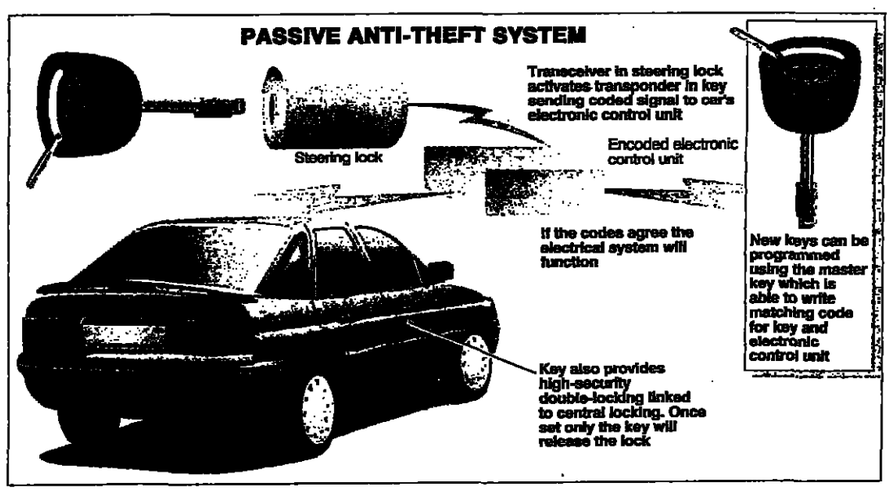
When manufacturers devised automatic remote locking, the thieves simply replied with the "grabber", an electronic gizmo about the size of a television remote controller which could read the infra-red signal from the key to the car and open up the doors.

The first prosecution a month ago of a teenager who bought a grabber for £50 from the back of a van in Telford, Shropshire, horrified police. They warned motorists not to leave their keys lying about because thieves do not even need to know which car they fit. They can simply use the grabber to read the key code and then walk through a car park until the grabber opens up the relevant car.

The result of such ingenuity has had the manufacturers close to despair. Ford, for example, makes about 120,000 Escorts a year. Such a high-selling car has inevitably become one of the most stolen cars because there are so many. Escorts manufactured up to the 1990 model-year, the last year for which figures are available, are rated "high risk" in the Home Office car security index.

Police throughout the country are tired of chasing stolen Escorts, usually white or red, and driven by teenagers getting their kicks by frightening other road users ... or even killing them with their stupidity.

Ford has in the past brought in several specialist manufacturers to provide alarms and immbolisers for its cars. Now, however, a Europe-wide development programme by Ford engineers has come up with its Passive Anti-Theft System or PATS, a system which may at last bamboozle even the most determined thief.



The key to the system is ... the key, a conventional key at first sight but one which contains the tiny transponder. The transponder does not transmit until it is activated when inserted into the door lock, which means that passing thieves with grabbers get no response.

Once in the door lock, the key sends a signal, almost like a short-range radio transmitter, to a receiver in the steering column. That passes the message onto the main electronic control box inside the car which is fitted with millions of different codes. Only one will trigger the "electronic brain" and allow the engine to start.

The key, as normal, tumbles open the double lock system, which is improved on the revamped Escorts. Rods which once could have been tripped from outside the car are replaced with shrouded cables and shielded with steel plates.

The system is now so sophisticated that Ford believes thieves will simply avoid the car rather than take on an immobiliser, linked to a Ford alarm system, which is going to demand a lot of time and effort.

If the key is lost, then the owner can use a duplicate which is programmed on the assembly line at Halewood on Merseyside. If the worst happens and the owner manages to lose both keys, he is provided with a red-coloured master key from which other spare keys can be programmed by the dealer.

Ford is so confident of PATS' credentials that it seems certain to spread to other models in the range as they are revamped and modernised. This could mean that both the new Fiesta and Granada models due during the next year will have the system.

Don Hume, a company spokesman, says: "The system seems to have everything that both motorists and we as manufacturers are looking for. It is tamper-proof and it is so secure that the thief could not hope to break through the immobiliser in any reasonable time.

"It would mean taking the car away with the alarm blaring and stripping it down to individual components to get in."

Security devices to help the fightback

MILLIONS of motorists confused about which security system to buy are at last getting help.

While there are dozens of alarm and immobiliser systems on the market, drivers have not had any way of discovering whether they are effective.

At the same time, insurance companies have clouded the issue by offering discounts on premiums if motorists fit particular systems — only to change the systems they recommend a few months later.

Now the Association of British Insurers has decided to solve the problem by testing anti-theft devices at its Thatcham research centre in Berkshire and recommending the best.

The first list has come out in the past week and selects two mechnical immobilisers and four electronic alarm/immobiliser systems — including a Ford system — which meet the British Insurance Industry Criteria for Vehicle Security.

Another 24 systems are being put through the mill at Thatcham and an extended list is expected soon.

Tony Baker, the ABI's head of public affairs, says: "It is strongly believed that the fitting of one of the listed systems will have a major impact on deterring and frustrating the theft of a vehicle.

"The intention is that insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates will use the list as a basis for discounts for improved security or as a requirement before insurance can be taken out or continued."

What are the recommended systems and how much do they cost? This is the ABI list:

- Cobra 6019 (anti-hijack function, including central locking and electric window protection) — £475.
- Gemini 5160T (optional loop to protect radio, central locking and electric windows) — £450.
- Selmar SBA 598 (same features as Gemini) — £450.
- Ford 951 vehicle immobiliser (three circuit immobiliser with remote key operation) — £225.
- Barrier Deadlock (lock for gear shift with start isolator) — £150.
- Carflow Longarm (steering immobiliser) — £50.

KEVIN EASON

World title lies within Fairbrother's grasp

John Goodbody on a dedicated woman who looks ready to scale new heights for Britain at the world judo championships in Canada

Travelling with the British women's judo team is rather like an outing with the girls of St Trinian's. There is the same bedlam of noise, the japes — you never quite know what they will try to slip into your luggage just before going through customs — and, above all, the communal belief in their indestructability.

In the trail of rampaging success over the last decade, the squad has won title after title, medal after medal. There have been women like Karen Briggs, who once dislocated a shoulder during a fight, replaced it herself and resumed holding down an opponent. It is little wonder that John Godber wrote a play, *Blood Sweat and Tears*, to commemorate her efforts.

At the 1992 Olympic Games, three of the seven British women took medals. It is one of the more remarkable stories in sport and it should be sustained at the world championships, which have attracted 79 competing nations, here in Hamilton.

The lightweight silver medal winner in Barcelona was Nicola Fairbrother, 23, who cried when she lost the final to Miriam Blasco, of Spain. She still believes that the referee did not realise, in the inferno of noise made by the home crowd, that she was about to strangle Blasco to submission and instead he ordered a break in the contest.

Blasco is now likely to be fighting as a light middleweight here and Fairbrother has the temperament and sufficient training to win, even in the hurly-burly struggle of these championships.

Fairbrother is a typical product of the British squad, someone who learnt from fighters like Briggs and other Olympic medal-winners like Sharon Rendle and Diane Bell, both of whom are also fighting here. "When you're with people like that, there's a definite spark in the air," she said.

"At first, I used to get thrown quite a bit but the rest of the team used to give me advice, too. One day, I just decided I wanted to do the throwing rather than always being on the receiving end. You know if you do well at squad training in Britain it is never going to be tougher." Until after Barcelona, the squad was run by Roy Inman but he was controversially removed after allegations, which he denies, that he had submitted false expenses. The industrial tribunal hearing is still continuing. It is a credit to Inman's preparation, his successors, Neil Adams and Mark Earle, and the resilience of the girls themselves that the successes have continued.

Fairbrother retained her European title in May when four other Britons took medals and she now believes she is mentally stronger than in Barcelona. "I suffered from nerves coming up to the Games," she said. She is probably stronger physically, too, capable of 56 consecutive press-ups and a stamina at running that impresses many men. She fights in the under-56 kilo class tomorrow, where the challenge is formidable.

Fairbrother was originally a gymnast — her mother, Lin, is an international coach — but after breaking her arm falling off a beam at the age of eight, decided to concentrate on judo. She was encouraged by Don Werner, of the Pinewood Club, near Sandhurst, Berkshire, where she lives.

She now has a squad of helpers led by her family and including a masseuse, Kathy Robinson, a weights training coach in Keith Morgans and a fitness adviser in Richard Ward, at the Berkshire Health and Rackets Club, and a sponsor, Fourdale Export Services.

Fairbrother often trains three times a day, working on her technique, strength and stamina.

Jane Bridge, Britain's first world champion, says: "Nik wants to learn. She is asking questions all the time." Adams agrees. "She realises she can improve. She does not think she has reached her best.

"After an Olympic Games, when you win a medal, you tend to feel as though you are on a different plane. When you come down, you have to knuckle down and want something a bit better."

The only thing better now is the world or Olympic title. She may get the former tomorrow.

JULIAN HERBERT



Fairbrother is a study in concentration as she prepares for her under-56 kilo contest tomorrow

Gordon suffers fall as British struggle

BRITAIN made a depressing start when the 79-nation world judo championships began here in Hamilton, Canada, yesterday (John Goodbody writes). Even though the opening day was not expected to be fruitful, because the men's heavyweight and light-heavyweight divisions have been transformed by the break-up of the former Soviet Union, the British losses were not expected to be quite so heavy.

Until the last world championships two years ago, there was just one Soviet entry in each category; this year, there are at least six representing the different Republics. It meant that the competition was particularly strong, but Elvis Gordon, the 22st British heavyweight, will not discover at first hand just how demanding after he lost in the event's first round. In a static contest, Kim Kun Soo, of South Korea, knocked down the 35-year-old just once, but it was enough for victory.

Sharon Lee, a nursery nurse from Birmingham, was the British women's heavyweight representative. She began brightly enough with her frequent use of leg grabs to defeat Connie Rosensteel, on the United States, but was then beaten by Noriko Anno, of Japan.

In the light-heavyweights, Danny Sargent produced one stunning hit throw to hurl Mour Zagholian, of Tunisia, to the mat for victory, but was then twice thrown by Ben Sounemans, of Holland, to go out of the event.

Chelmsford stronger with Green back in contention

By A Correspondent

JO Green, the England midfield hockey player, returns to strengthen Chelmsford for their tough fixture against their local rivals, Ipswich, the title holders, in the premier division of the National League on Sunday.

History indicates that the Suffolk side should have little difficulty in recording their second successive victory and consolidating their position at the top of the table.

In three seasons, the champions have never lost to Chelmsford but Sue Frost, the home team's manager, said that they were determined to make life difficult. "The games between the two sides have always been very tight and it's a great boost to have Green back, although Tracy Willmore, our England Under-21 forward, is still doubtful with a knee injury," she said.

"We know that Ipswich are a strong unit and they've looked very impressive this year but we've worked hard in training and will be going flat out to cause a surprise. We've got nothing to lose — the pressure is all on them."

Sue Slocombe, the Clifton coach, has also predicted that Clifton could upset the three times former winners, Slough, who travel to Bristol.

The England and Great Britain coach said: "We're playing better hockey than ever and our development policy over the last two years has paid dividends.

"Slough played well to beat Hightown in their first game last week, and we're expecting a hard, physical contest, but we're prepared for that. We lost only 1-0 to them last season, so it's possible we could surprise a few people."

The match between Hightown, runners-up last year, and Leicester, the AEWHA Cup holders, is certain to be very close with Sally Saunders, the Leicester captain, promising an attacking game.

"It's not easy to forecast which way it will go," she said. "But we're definitely more of an attacking side and have spent a lot of time working on set pieces."

Institute of Legal Executives examination results

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Ryder Cup players trail behind European discard

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEVEN Richardson, who missed selection for the Ryder Cup this year, putted his way to a round of 67, five under par, when the German Masters began in Stuttgart yesterday.

This left Richardson, who was a member of the European team that narrowly lost in Kiawah Island two years ago, one shot behind the leader, David Frost of South Africa, and level with another South African, Ernie Els.

The best of this year's Ryder Cup players was José María Olazábal, who returned a 69. Severiano Ballesteros and Colin Montgomerie both got round in 70, Costantino Rocca scored 72 and Barry Lane, the holder, and Bernhard Langer, twice a former winner, were among the group on 73.

Tom Kite was the most successful of the three American Ryder Cup men in the field, scoring 71. Chip Beck finished with 72 and Tom Watson, the successful captain, 74.

Richardson, who admitted he had missed not being part of the European team, spent two days at Alton Towers while the match was in progress. "On the way up there, I saw the queues for the first day's play," he said. "In some ways, perhaps you don't mind not being involved because there is so much pressure, but I would have loved to have played."

Richardson, who was sixteenth in the Ryder Cup points table when the team was decided, owed his score yesterday to nine single putts, even though when he went out late in the day the greens were becoming "very bumpy".

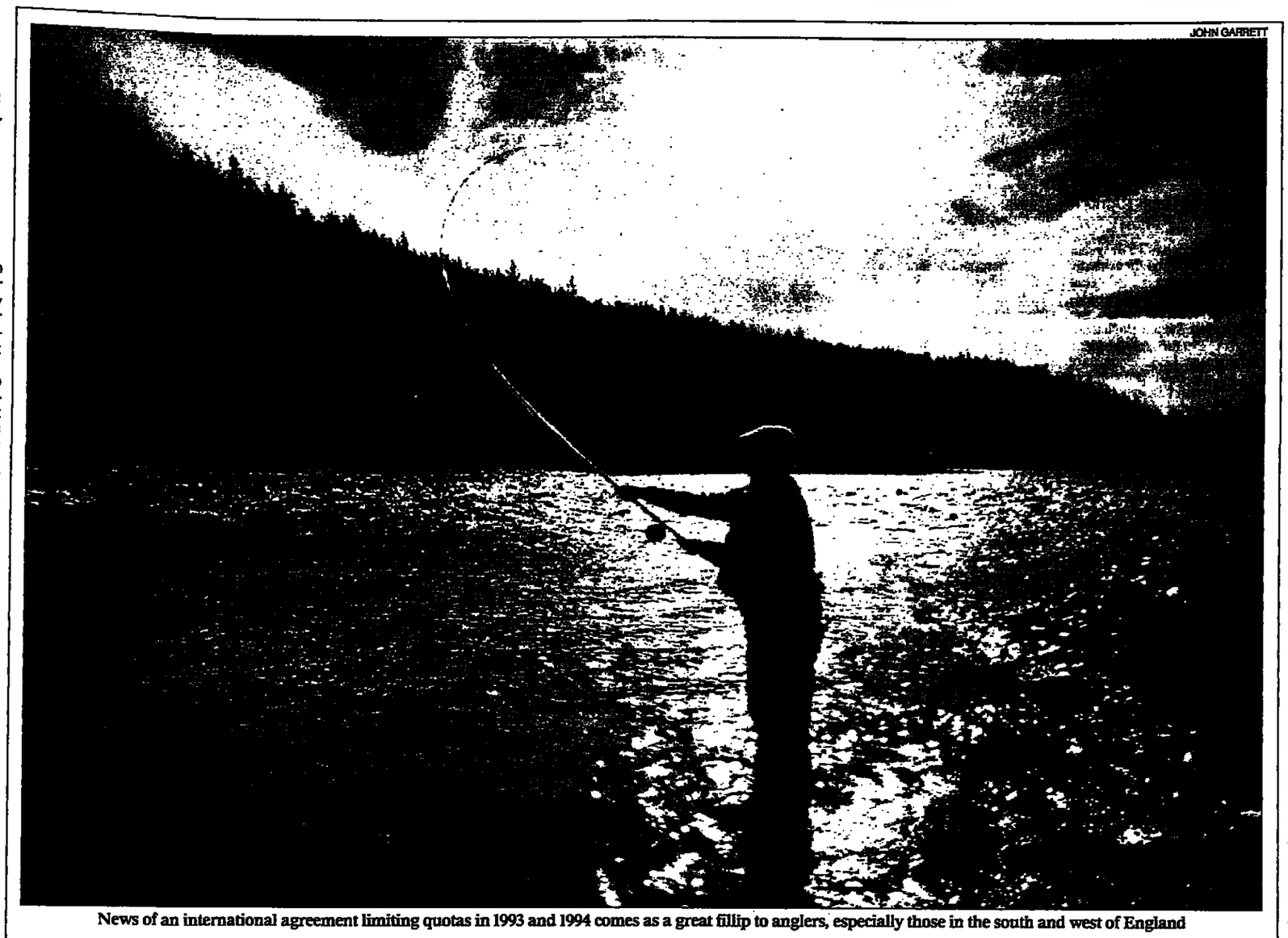
After saving par at the 1st and 3rd with single putts, he birdied the 4th, 5th and 7th to go out in 33. Although he bogeyed the 11th and 17th, he had further birdies at the 10th, 12th, 13th and 18th. "Those two single putts at the start to save par kept me going," he said. "I putted really well, apart from three-putting the 17th from 40 feet."

Frost, who is attempting to win his third successive tournament following victories in the Canadian Open and the Hadlee's Classic this month, said: "I've never won three in a row before and there's still a long way to go this week."

Seeking last-minute advice, he woke up at 1am to ring his coach, David Leadbetter, in the United States, to get a "quick fix". The early call seemed to work, for Frost had nine single putts in his round with eight birdies. "David gave me a drill to work on and it certainly helped," he said.

Els went out in a level par 36 but came home in 31 with four successive birdies from the 12th.

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JOHN GARRETT

News of an international agreement limiting quotas in 1993 and 1994 comes as a great fillip to anglers, especially those in the south and west of England

Agreement safeguards future for salmon



Brian Clarke looks at a successful international campaign to ensure the conservation of an heroic fish

The announcement during the summer that Greenland will not fish its salmon quotas for 1993 and 1994, in exchange for compensation raised by conservation and angling organisations, was the best news that all those interested in the welfare of this heroic fish have had in 30 years.

Now Orri Vigfusson, the Icelandic architect of the Greenland deal, has begun talks with the Irish government with a view to buying out the salmon drift nets there. The news will come as a great fillip to anglers in the south and west of Britain. Irish drift nets take a huge toll of salmon returning to rivers in this region, including 39 per cent of those heading for Welsh waters alone.

But it is the Greenland deal that is much the more significant overall. Its most important effect is to alleviate at a stroke one of the greatest known pressures on the salmon's continued survival. Tens of thousands of fish that would otherwise have ended up on the fishmonger's slab are free to turn inland and spawn where habitat allows.

Its second result is to isolate further the British government in its shameful continuation of a commercial fishery off the English coast. The small but deadly drift-net fishery off Yorkshire and Northumberland accounts for around two-thirds of all salmon caught in England and Wales. With the exception of Ireland, Britain now stands as the only country in North America or Europe to encourage indiscriminate high-seas netting for salmon. If Vigfusson can work the magic in Ireland that he has conjured elsewhere, then Britain will be left on its ignominious own.

The interests of commercial fishermen as far away as Greenland and of anglers in Britain and elsewhere are linked by the salmon's unusual life-cycle.

The Atlantic salmon spawns in rivers in North America and Europe, goes to sea to grow and mature, and then returns to the very gravels of its own birth to begin the process again. Some leave their rivers in spring, spend the winter at sea and return to the same rivers the summer after. It is these smaller salmon, returning to British rivers, that the north-east fishery mostly takes.

The heavyweights of the salmon clan, fish destined to spend two and more winters at sea, go to the rich feeding grounds of the high Atlantic around Greenland and the Faeroes. It is these great fish, potential producers of vast numbers of eggs, that have taken such a hammering.

While a cause-and-effect relationship is impossible to prove, in the 20-odd years that the Greenland and Faeroese commercial fisheries were booming, salmon stocks dropped by 60 per cent.

On many individual rivers, so few multi-sea-winter salmon have been returning that the fish have all but ceased to exist. The absurd result has been that while the Greenland and Faeroese fishermen have been taking vast tonnages, severe restrictions have been placed on salmon angling in North America and parts of Europe. In Britain, many anglers have been returning to the water on principle fish that they were perfectly entitled to take.

The five-year agreement negotiated by international conservation groups, led by Vigfusson, brings immediate relief and common sense to all of this.

The Greenlanders had already agreed to limit their 1993 and 1994 catches to 213 tonnes, a level that scientists believed would enable enough salmon to swim free to sustain recruitment.

However, under the Vigfusson agreement, only 12 tonnes of this quota will be fished for, and that for local consumption. Precise arrangements for 1995-7 will be negotiated in the light of experience but again will be based on the levels of spawning stocks needed to go free.

The effect of the two-year moratorium on fishing means that not only will enough spawning stock go free to make up some of the deficit of recent years, but that 201 additional tonnes of fish will be free to spawn, wherever rivers provide suitable conditions. On the way they will, it is hoped, make fishing by anglers a worthwhile activity again.

The move to fix quotas on a scientific basis is itself important because it is geared to life in the real world. Previous quotas have been based on little more than figures the Greenlanders wanted to catch. As such, they have been completely divorced from what has been happening in the water. Now the Greenlanders have accepted the principle of a sensible escapement quota and the rest of the world has recognised their right to some benefit linked to the result.

Work is already in hand to refine the statistical basis on which quotas are based, to raise the cash to fund the compensation payments and turn this initial agreement into a permanent compact.

In early December, Britain's Atlantic Salmon Trust, a body that has worked tirelessly for salmon conservation, and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, will jointly sponsor a meeting to develop data on the spawning needs of rivers in Europe.

At the same time the UK arm of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund will launch a campaign to raise Britain's as-yet unannounced share of the cash needed to make the compensation payments. The first port of call for funds will be the Scottish Salmon District Fishery Boards, which represent angling and other fishery interests north of the border. Scotland is by far the most important salmon fishery in Britain and it is the members of these boards who stand to gain most from the extra fish returning. Thereafter, the hat will be passed to angling and fishery interests elsewhere in Britain.

The ending of high-seas netting of salmon by Greenland and the Faeroes will not alone secure the future of the fish. Many other factors are working against the salmon, among them changes in high-seas temperatures, interbreeding with salmon escaped from fish farms, neglect of habitat on natal rivers and the incomprehensible policy of the British government in sustaining one of the two remaining drift net fisheries at our own back door.

But all of that said, the agreement has taken the campaign for the Atlantic salmon a great leap forward. It had rekindled the torch of hope for a cause long shadowed by gloom.

Webster to wear L plates for few months

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE is no longer the money in rugby league to finance a mass plundering of the Welsh valleys, as happened in the late Eighties. The capture of the British Isles flanker Richard Webster by Salford for £150,000 — a world record for a union forward — does not mean that the road north is once again paved with gold.

Webster, 26, who has a five-year contract, said that other than his former Swansea team-mate, Scott Gibbs — yet again the subject of speculation — he was unaware of any other approaches by league clubs in the past three years.

As happened in the case of Gibbs recently, there were no inducements to Webster to stay. "In South Wales many union officials paint league as very black. But when I met Salford officials I was very impressed," he said. "League is another challenge; a progression in a rugby- player's life."

The transition for forwards, as his former Swansea colleague, David Young, also at Salford, stressed to him from experience, is much harder; in particular, tackling workrate. Webster's conversion will be a gradual one, starting in a reserve team fixture against St Helens next Monday.

Webster, who has only watched League on television, does not expect to become an overnight sensation. Garry Jack, Salford's player-coach, said: "I don't expect him to set the world on fire straightaway. He will serve his apprenticeship and probably be at his best in six or 12 months."

His progress will be monitored keenly by the Welsh rugby league team management, who need his robustness to strengthen a pack that will be severely tested on Sunday by New Zealand, who will field their strongest available line-up at Swansea where they open their 11-match tour. Eight members are regulars in Australia's Winfield Cup competition and they have both age and speed on their side.

John Gallagher, the former New Zealand rugby union full back who is enjoying a resurgence of his career with London Crusaders of the second division, has been appointed rugby league development officer for north London.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM: M Edwards (Balmain); D Halligan (North Sydney), I Ropati (Auckland), W Taiwa (Canterbury), S Hoppe (Canberra); G Ngamu (Manly-Warringahi), G Freeman (Penrith, captain); J Lomax (Canberra), D Mann (Auckland), B Stuart (Canterbury), S Kearney (Sydney Western Suburbs), Q Pongia (Canberra), J Mackie (Northland).

☐ The Australian prop, Rodney Howe, has arrived at Widnes from Newcastle Knights, and because of the club's injury crisis will play in Sunday's home match against Oldham.

Aldershot remain firmly in spotlight

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

SINCE 1975, the FA Vase has catapulted little-known football clubs into the spotlight: the likes of Hoddesdon, Stansted, Whickham and Wimborne have run around Wembley with the cup. Yet when Aldershot Town play their first Vase match in the preliminary round tomorrow, at home to Gosport Borough, they will not have the luxury of beginning their quest in comfortable obscurity.

Aldershot's renown as the club that supporters helped build anew after the demise of the League club of 60 years standing in March 1992 will precede them. Their supporters, who average 2,000 for home matches, will hold high expectations of success after the club swept through the Diadora League third division last season, beaten in just two matches and finishing 18 points ahead of the field.

As a new club, Aldershot were not allowed to enter the Vase last season — they cannot apply for entry into the FA Cup until next season — and Steve Wignall, their manager, hopes it will be their one and only Vase campaign. "If we gain promotion again, we will be in the Trophy," he said.

So far, Aldershot have withstood the test of promotion, a six-match winning run in the Diadora second division ending on Tuesday only when they were held to a 2-2 draw at Saffron Walden. Despite the size of their support, Wignall's budget for his 18-man squad of part-time players is £1,000 a week. "I think as a club, we have learned our lesson," he said. "If we do get up to the higher divisions and need to strengthen our squad, then it would be nice to have money in the kitty to do so."

Clubs keenly anticipate their home matches with Aldershot. Simon Lander, the Saffron Walden chairman, said: "On police advice, we asked our supporters to buy tickets because we have only one turnstile. We planned for the game for a long time. We ensured there were as many people as possible to sell food and teas. Our average gate is 130 and we anticipated at least 500 Aldershot supporters. We made six or seven times as much as we would normally."

Tony Mercer, the joint-manager, had the satisfaction of seeing his side stick to its guns after goals in swift succession by Mark Butler and Chris Tomlinson, the one survivor from League days, had enabled Aldershot to overtake the first-half lead given Walden by Tony Welch. With only three minutes to go, Pat Staunton, signed from Enfield this season, scored to secure a draw.

While Aldershot continue to prosper, Basingstoke Town, another Hampshire club, have been given the prospect of playing in a 25,000 all-seat stadium by the leader of Basingstoke and Deane council, Stephen Reid.

"We didn't know anything about it," David Knight, the club secretary, said. "But we're obviously interested in being included in whatever plans the council have in mind."

Welsh rugby pays price for changing seasons



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby commentary

SEPTEMBER is best over and done with. In days gone by, it represented, by careful fixture selection, a period where limbs could be gently stretched. A time to get rid of that burning sensation in the lungs. Players knew where they stood.

"Fit? Am I getting fitter?" once queried the colossus, Willie John McBride, in answer to a mischievous question at the season's infancy. "Well," he said, "let us just say that I have cut down to ten cigarettes a day." He did not expect to be in his prime until the new year when Ireland's honour had to be advanced. September's rugby was frenzied, not serious.

It was a time when arms twitched into action attempting to collude with a mind that, after summer's gentle slumber, was unready. Such symbiosis was not easily fused. The mood was of the hail-fellow-well-met, long-time-no-see kind.

Time allows for a certain elasticity of the truth. For it was only partly courteous. There was a little petulance, too. If the backs liked to dawdle their way into the season, full of prima donna excuses when things did not go as they wished, some forwards greeted the fresh campaign with less civility.

Their season could not be said to be under way unless something resembling a barroom brawl had occurred in the vicinity of the corner flag where, amid the jumble, nothing was crystal clear.

Even the referee could afford to smile benignly, nobody really got blamed. What matter a shiner or two? It simply gave a fairer and sounder reason to wet the whistle with a vengeance afterwards.

In all this, there was a distinctive character to the month. It was a time to settle down. Matches were scratch affairs played in vaguely good humour. It was only when the days closed in, with a sharp nip in the air, that eyes got narrowed in earnest contest.

With the coming of league rugby, attitudes in September might have been expected to change. In time, they may have to. But they have not, as yet. Certainly, faces are more stern and resolute. Preparation has been more painstaking. Players look fitter. But whatever urgency has come about because of all this, it has not been translated into high-quality rugby. September's has been frenetic, which must not be confused with playing the game at speed; the one is driven by nervous energy, the other is infused with control.



McBride: colossus

For those clubs with large squads, there rests the obligation of ensuring that all players are selected in the first month. In the cut and thrust of league rugby, how prudent is this? Swansea made five changes in their pack against Neath last weekend and paid the price of the biggest defeat in the leagues. If September was free of such fixtures, the problem might not arise. It remains a testing time.

If such an attitude is a remnant of the easy come, easy go world that rugby has chosen to leave, then new pragmatism must now obtain. Large squads must be forsaken and the democracy of selection jettisoned even in September. Points are overwhelmingly important.

One-team clubs are a gamble of uncertainties that a coach has to live with. It is the price Welsh rugby may have to pay for the Welsh Rugby Union and its member clubs failing to accommodate second XVs within their Heineken and district league structures.

Bates eases through but Courier crashes

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JEREMY Bates bolstered his confidence with a straight sets victory over Wally Masur, of Australia, in the Salem Open in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Bates, the British No 1, whose first-round victory over a Swedish qualifier was his first singles win for two months, defeated Masur, a surprise semi-finalist in the United States Open earlier this month, 6-3, 6-3.

The biggest surprise of the day was Jim Courier's defeat by Jacco Eltingh, of Holland, who overcame the top seed and world No 2 6-4, 6-3.

Boris Becker confirmed yesterday that he has decided not to play for Germany in the Davis Cup final against Australia. Becker, who opted out of all Germany's other ties to concentrate on improving his world ranking, said he believed the German team was strong enough to win the cup for the third time. The final is being staged in Germany from December 3 to 5.

Becker's orginal withdrawal from the competition caused public criticism from Michael Stich earlier in the year but the present team members, including Marc Göllner, who stepped in to replace him, have said they would welcome Becker back.

Tracy Austin, of the United States, the former world No 1 who was given a wild card into the Autoglass Classic at Brighton from October 17 to 24, has pulled out of the event.

Games seeking to broaden appeal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1998 will include seven-a-side rugby union or cricket for the first time in an attempt to pull in more spectators and sponsorship.

The organisers have traditionally steered away from monetary pressures but the finance committee of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which met in Victoria, Canada, on Wednesday, is to urge the CGF general assembly to take a more forceful stance in trying to attract sponsors.

The change in direction towards greater commercialisation was emphasised at a press conference by David Dixon, the CGF secretary, who said the ability to bring in more money for the event would depend on athletes consistently producing performances of the highest quality.

The expansion of the Games to include team sports might broaden global interest, he said. Netball will be a medal sport in Kuala Lumpur and the organisers also intend to feature a second team sport, probably seven-a-side rugby or one-day cricket. Other team competitions are expected to be added for 2002.

Dixon said the Commonwealth Games would have to look towards the example set by the Olympics and secure more commercial sponsors, emphasising that money from outside the Commonwealth would not be turned away even though participation is restricted to Britain and its former and existing colonies and territories that are members of the Commonwealth.

Commercial sponsors of the Games in Victoria next year will include many companies that do not belong to the Commonwealth or their Canadian subsidiaries. These include Coca-Cola, IBM and Canon, who are leading investors in global sport.

"If we can get more sponsors from Japan, for instance, I would be delighted. It's good money," Dixon said.

Initiatives such as adding more team sports would help the first part of the strategy to broaden financial support by increasing television coverage in Asia and the United States.

About $32 million (about £21.4 million) of sponsorship has been attracted for the Games next year, which are to be held from August 18 to 28. Dixon said that sponsorship money was essential if the poorer Commonwealth members were to be able to stage the Games.

☐ Li Peng, the Chinese premier, yesterday rejected speculation that his country might not take part in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. "We will, as always, actively support and participate in the international Olympic movement," Li said in a speech to state and party officials in the Great Hall of the People. His address was given to mark the 44th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Last week, China lost its bid to host the 2000 Games when the International Olympic Committee chose Sydney ahead of Peking.

Ferguson's players take pride of place

Peter Ball warns of the pitfalls that await Manchester United in Europe's next round

ENGLAND have a full hand going into today's draw for the second round of the European competitions in Zurich. With varying degrees of difficulty, all four English clubs came through their first-round ties successfully on Wednesday evening, and they will be joined by Aberdeen and Celtic, who salvaged something for Scotland after the loss of Heart of Midlothian and Rangers.

Pride of place goes to Manchester United, both as the only club to win both legs and as the representatives in the senior competition.

With one more hurdle to jump to obtain entry to the hugely lucrative mini-league, they will await the draw this morning with some trepidation, conscious that Arsenal and Leeds United fell at this stage after satisfactory first rounds. United have the great advantage denied their predecessors of being seeded. That will ensure they avoid Barcelona and AC Milan, among others, but Steuea Bucharest, Sparta Prague or Rangers' conquerors, Levski Sofia, are potentially more difficult opponents than Kispest-Honved.

On Wednesday's performance, at least in the first half, United will be wise to be wary. After half-time it was a different story as they upped the tempo and began to play with their familiar verve, but they still needed two headed goals from Steve Bruce in nine minutes around the hour to turn their superiority into goals.

Having lost the first leg, Kispest-Honved arrived with damage limitation as their objective, but, as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, conceded yesterday, it was a useful lesson on what is to come when sides visit Old Trafford with only survival on their minds.

Missing chances also gave Aston Villa an uncomfortable last few minutes against Slovan Bratislava after an excellent performance in the Uefa Cup.

Having drawn the away leg 0-0, Villa had the hardest task of the English clubs. They began positively, Dalian Atkinson and Andy Townsend scoring in the first 25 minutes as Villa's cavalry charge personified the virtues of English football.

But the fire died later, and a goal four minutes from time by Tittel left them hanging on nervously for the final whistle. Earl Barratt, the Villa full back who missed the game on Wednesday because of a freak nerve injury, is unlikely to be considered for England's World Cup qualifying tie against Holland in Rotterdam on Wednesday week.

Like United, Villa are seeded, leaving the prospect that they could face Norwich City or Celtic in the draw this morning. If Villa's display reflected the enduring qualities of the English game, Norwich showed more European style in their draw in Arnhem, protecting their three-goal advantage from the first leg to ensure that their first outing in Europe was a successful one. It could have been better. In spite of appearing more sinned against than sinning, Norwich collected four more bookings to add to the two from the first leg, so they will begin the second round knowing that six players are only a yellow card away from suspension.

Celtic carry Scotland's banner in the same competition, but they made hard work of it, needing an own goal in extra time to beat Young Boys of Berne. Aberdeen won comfortably in the Cup Winners' Cup, beating Valur 4-1, and they will join Arsenal in the second round.

The Londoners put up the worst English performance of the day, drawing at home with Odense 1-1, having done the hard work with a 2-1 win in Denmark in the first leg. The Cup Winners' Cup is usually reckoned to be the easiest of the three competitions to win, but George Graham explained his side's poor performance on leg weariness from too many games, which does not bode well for later in the season.

"There are already a lot of tired players in the squad, and when tired the first thing that goes is the skill factor," Graham said. "It's the creative players who probably suffer most."

There might be more sympathy for Graham if he did not impose so many defensive responsibilities on his creative players, but in support of his argument, Graham pointed out that although United are widely admired for their skill, "I notice their goals both came from headers by Steve Bruce, their centre half, rather than their creative forwards."

Rangers pay heavy price for late goal

BY RODDY FORSYTH

WHAT price the speculative shot from Nikolai Todorov that bounced Rangers out of the European Cup in injury-time of their tie with Levski Sofia in Bulgaria on Wednesday? For Levski, the answer is almost pitifully modest — a £180 win bonus per player and a place in the second round of a European competition for the first time in seven years. For Rangers, the ramifications are much more complex and costly.

For all their insistence that the Scottish championship is their priority, as it must be if they are to continue to compete at the highest level in Europe, Rangers crave the European Cup above all other prizes, partly for the simple reason that Celtic have won it and they have not.

It may have been as long ago as 1967 that the trophy was brought back to Parkhead but it remains an icon of their superiority to the Celtic supporters in their perpetual rivalry with the other half of Glasgow's Old Firm.

No wonder the Celtic stadium announcer, a local radio disc jockey, Tim Stevens, known as Tiger Tim, thought he was merely amplifying the sentiment of everyone connected with the club when he called sardonically, at half-time in Celtic's Uefa Cup-tie with Young Boys BSC, for a minute's silence to commemorate Rangers' dismissal from the European Cup.

Stevens was therefore perplexed to be visited in his eyrie by the Celtic stadium manager, who informed him that he was dismissed and would be *persona non grata* forthwith. It will surprise nobody if a Celtic fanzine is not now named in honour of Tiger Tim's martyrdom.

Rangers now face a season in which their principle interest lies in the defence of their domestic treble, a task that now has all the allure of a casual labouring job. The club's budget will be revised in as much that no substantial surplus of last season's proportions can now be anticipated, the kind of cash-flow that allowed Rangers to bid a British record of £4 million for Duncan Ferguson. Rangers will have to sell before they can buy but that — Ferguson's transfer apart — has been the position since the end of last season.

Anyone interested in acquiring the Ukrainians, Mikhailichenko and Kuznetzov, and the Dutchman, Huistra, would be accommodated at agreeable prices and no serious offer for Trevor Steven is likely to be rejected either.

Assuming they do eventually resume activities in the European Cup, they have imposed on themselves an additional burden because such an early dismissal this season will affect their seeding rating and they may find themselves unseeded at the beginning of the tournament next season. This is a vicious circle from which Rangers only escaped last time around after six years of frustration in European competition following the transformation effected by Graeme Souness after 1986.

Elsewhere, the other Scottish casualties this week are bruised but less bloodied. Heart of Midlothian, beaten in Spain as much by the eccentricities of their goalkeeper, Smith, as by anything inflicted upon them by Atlético Madrid, have the consolation of knowing that they only got into the Uefa Cup because two Polish sides were banned after a bribery scandal and their brief interlude was sufficient to earn them £600,000 from the first leg at Tynecastle.

Dundee United, still contemplating the interest that accrues from the money they banked in the Duncan Ferguson deal, are somewhat insulated from their dismissal from the same tournament but their manager, Ivan Golac, will be less free with his predictions in future.

Prior to the first leg of United's Uefa Cup tie against Brondby in Denmark, he said that his players would take three goals off the Danes. They ultimately did so but Brondby did likewise, dumping United on the away goals rule.

ALAN COZZI



Slater yesterday ended an unhappy spell in Glasgow by agreeing to a £750,000 move to Ipswich

Slater given chance to revive career

BY KEITH PIKE

STUART Slater, the striker who had forgotten how to score goals, is returning to his roots in an attempt to revive a faltering career. Slater, born in Suffolk, yesterday agreed to move from Celtic to Ipswich Town for £750,000 — half the amount Liam Brady, the Glasgow club's manager, paid West Ham United for him 15 months ago.

Slater was persuaded to end his unhappy spell in Scotland after four hours of talks with John Lyall, the Ipswich manager, who was in charge at Upton Park when Slater, now 24, joined West Ham from school.

The fee equals the club record Lyall paid Oldham Athletic for Ian Marshall in the summer and Ipswich will be hoping this move works as well. Marshall has scored in each of his five FA Carling Premiership matches this season.

Slater, whose West Ham career was spent mostly on the left wing, managed 11 goals in his first 100 league games and was rewarded with three England under-21 caps. But he failed to score in his last season with West Ham and his opening goal for Celtic, in December last year, was his first for 76 matches. He has added only one more since.

At the lower end of the scale, Reading yesterday paid Bayer Uerdingen, the German club, £100,000 for Uwe Hartenberger, 25, a striker who had spent a week on trial at Elm Park in the summer. Barnet, also of the second division, have signed Paul Haylock, the former Norwich City full back, on a non-contract basis and Bury, the struggling third division club, have paid £50,000 for Chris Lucketti, the Halifax Town defender.

Brian Clough, the former Nottingham Forest manager, has denied allegations made in the Granada Television programme, *World In Action*, concerning the distribution of tickets for the 1992 Rumbelows Cup final. Nottinghamshire police have begun an investigation at the club.

"I welcome and invite all forms of inquiry and totally refute everything that has been alleged concerning me," Clough was reported as saying in *The Sun*. "I am looking forward to putting the record straight at an appropriate time but the police know, as always, that they can count on my full support in seeking out the truth."

Manchester City made a record profit of £1.1 million last season, despite losing £1.2 million on their dealings on the transfer market.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Walker fears ease after Japan win

NIGEL Walker, the Cardiff rugby union wing, was given a clean bill of health yesterday after fears that his jaw had been broken during the Wales A team's victory over Japan on Wednesday night proved unfounded. Walker was injured by a head-high tackle in the 61-5 win at Llanelli, but x-ray examinations showed no break. He has been advised to wear protective headgear in the Heineken league match against the champions, Llanelli, on Saturday.

Harvey Thorneycroft, the Northampton wing, and Graham Rowntree, the Leicester prop forward, were the only uncapped players named yesterday in a strong Barbarians side to play Newport next Tuesday.

TEAM: J Staples (London Irish and Ireland); D Stark (Boroughmuir and Scotland), P de Glanville (Bath and England), M Hall (Cardiff and Wales), H Thorneycroft (Northampton); A Davies (Cardiff and Wales), A Nicol (Dundee HSFP and Scotland); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Murphy (Greystones and Ireland), P Clohessy (Young Munster and Ireland), N Edwards (Northampton and Scotland), N Hadley (Wasps and Canada), K Leahy (Wanderers and Ireland), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Acads and Scotland), I Smith (Gloucester and Scotland).

Somerset want Morris

CRICKET: Somerset have made an official approach for John Morris, the Derbyshire batsman, whom they want to captain the side next season. Morris, 29, who has asked to leave Derbyshire, for whom he has played since 1982, has also had talks with Warwickshire, having let it be known that he wanted to play his cricket on a Test match ground. Somerset, who are keen to recruit a powerful middle-order batsman to fill the gap left by Chris Tavaré, who has retired, see Morris as just the right type to add flair and his usual 1,500 or so runs a season to their line-up. "We have put our bid in writing and I hope that Brian Rose, our cricket chairman, and Peter Anderson, our chief executive, will be able to open and conclude negotiations while I am on holiday," Bob Cottam, Somerset's director of cricket, said.

Funding dispute ends

PARALYMPICS: An embarrassing squabble over who should fund the 2000 Paralympics for disabled athletes was defused yesterday when the Australian and New South Wales governments agreed to share the cost. John Fahey, the New South Wales premier, said he had asked the federal government to provide at least half of the estimated cost of A$50 million (about £24 million). In Canberra, the sports minister, Ros Kelly, confirmed that the Australian government had committed itself to providing up to A$25 million over the next seven years to host the Paralympics.

Witt makes comeback

ICE SKATING: Katarina Witt, the former world and Olympic champion, was acclaimed by the German public in her comeback to amateur skating in Weiden, Germany, on Wednesday night. Witt, 27, showed part of the technical programme that she will use at the German championships on December 16, when the country's two Olympic participants will be decided, but most of the routine she has been preparing will be kept under wraps until the championships in Hern. Witt retired in 1988 to join the professional ranks.

Prean raises hopes

TABLE TENNIS: Jean-Michel Saive, the world and European silver medal-winner, plays for Belgium against England at Leeds tonight and Peterborough tomorrow in matches that will be timely tests for the home country and reach wider audiences than usual. The opener tonight will be televised and features an earlier than expected return to the England team of Carl Prean. The national champion from the Isle of Wight has recovered from a wrist operation and his return raises hopes that England may repeat their two victories over the Belgians last season.

Britons go through

TENNIS: Two of Britain's Maureen Connolly team, Julie Pullin and Karen Cross, reached the semi-finals of the LTA satellite tournament in Bracknell yesterday, a week before the annual under-21 competition against the United States. Pullin defeated her former doubles partner, Lorna Woodroffe, 6-7, 6-0, 6-4, and Cross, the No 2 seed from Devon, beat Tatjana Jecmenica, of Yugoslavia, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. In the men's event, Danny Sapsford, of Surrey, has secured a semi-final placing opposite last week's tournament winner, Patrik Langvardt, from Denmark.

FA warns over tickets

FOOTBALL: England supporters who buy tickets on the black market for the World Cup qualifying match against Holland in Rotterdam on October 13 may be barred from the ground. David Bloomfield, a Football Association official, said yesterday: "The Dutch authorities have decided that any English fans buying tickets on the black market for Dutch enclosure areas will be barred entry or ejected. Fans without tickets are wasting time and money if they travel to Holland." The FA's allocation of 5,000 tickets is being sold through the official England Travel Club.

Sampras chases racket

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, the world No 1, will head the field at the European Community championship in Antwerp from November 8 to 14. The $1.1 million event, famous for its diamond-studded golden trophy shaped like a racket, has attracted entries from nine players in the world's top 20. Challengers to Sampras will include the French Open winner, Sergi Bruguera, and the former Wimbledon champion, Michael Stich. The organisers have made available two wild cards for players who could still qualify for the ATP finals in Frankfurt which end the season.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 5, San Francisco 3; Montreal 7, Florida 1; Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 6, Houston 3; New York 1, St Louis 0; Cincinnati 8, San Diego 0; Chicago 8, Los Angeles 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 8, Baltimore 3; Detroit 8, Boston 7; Toronto 9, Milwaukee 6; Chicago 3, Seattle 2; Minnesota 3, California 2; Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2; Texas 11, Oakland 6.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester City Riders 77 (Waldron 29, Wood 13), Derby Bucks 84 (Gardiner 17, Lascelles 14).

BOXING

PESARO, Italy: World Boxing Organisation light-heavyweight championship: Leoncar Barber (US, holder) bt Andrea Magi (It), pts.

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BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Bahia 1, Corinthians 3. Group B: Guarani 3, Fluminense 1; Gremio 0, Santos 1; Vasco da Gama 0, Sport Recife 1. Group C: Ceara 2, Paysandu 0; Nautico 0, Goias 0; Remo 6, Fortaleza 0. Group D: Corritiba 2, Portuguesa 2; Criciuma 3, Atletico Paranaense 0; Desportiva 1, America/Belo Horizonte 4; Uniao Sao Joao 0, Parana 0.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Lanus 3, Rosario Central 0; River Plate 2, Huracan 1; Nowell's Old Boys 1, Banfield 1; Racing Club 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 0; Velez Sarsfield 1, Boca Juniors 0; Belgrano 1, Independiente 1.
SOUTH AMERICAN RECOPA FINAL: Cruzeiro (Br) 0, Sao Paulo (Br) 0 (agg: 0-0; Sao Paulo win 4-2 on pens).

Late results Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second legs: Cork City 0, Galatasaray (Tur) 1 (agg: 1-3); FC Copenhagen 4, Linfield 0 (aet; agg: 4-3); Lokeril Sofia 2, Rangers 1 (agg 4-4; Levski Sofia won on away goals); Manchester United 2, Honved (Hun) 1 (agg: 5-3); Spartak Moscow 4, Skonto Riga (Lat) 0 (agg: 9-0); Dinamo Minsk (Belo) 1, Werder Bremen 1 (agg: 3-6); Sparta Prague 2, AIK Stockholm 0 (agg: 2-1); Austria Wien 4, Rosenborg Trondheim (Nor) 1 (agg: 5-4); Andelecht 3, HJK Helsinki 0 (agg: 5-0); AEK Athens 1, AS Monaco 1 (agg: 1-2); Feyenoord Rotterdam 3, Akranes FC (Ice) 0 (agg: 3-1); AC Milan 0, SC Aarau (Switz) 0 (agg: 1-0); Barcelona 4, Dinamo Kiev (Ukr) 1 (agg: 5-4); Maribor Branik (Slovakia) 2, Gloria Bistrita (Rom) 0 (agg: 2-0).

UEFA CUP: First round, second legs: Aston Villa 2, Slovan Bratislava 1 (agg: 2-1); Calbo 1, Young Boys (Switz) 0 (aet; agg: 1-0); Wisaea Amiberi (Holl) 0, Norwich City 0 (agg: 0-3); Olympiakos (Gr) 5, Botev Plovdiv (Bul) 1 (agg: 8-3); Rapid Bucharest 0, Internazionale (It) 2 (agg: 1-3); MTK Budapest 0, FC Reykjavik (Ice) 0 (agg: 2-1); Apollon Limassol (Cyprus) 4, Vac Samsung (Hun) 0 (aet; agg: 4-2); Auxerre (Fr) 0, Tenerife (Sp) 1 (agg: 2-3); Waregem (Bel) 1, Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) 2 (agg: 1-5); Bayern Munich 2, FC Twente Enschede (Holl) 0 (agg: 7-3); Cagliari (It) 2, Dinamo Bucharest 0 (agg: 4-3); Sporting Lisbon 2, Kocaelispor (Tur) 0 (agg: 2-0).

CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second legs: Aberdeen 4, Valur (Ice) 0 (agg: 7-0); Arsenal 1, Odense BK (Den) 1 (agg: 3-2); Shelbourne 1, Panathenaeikos (Gr) 2 (agg: 1-5); Havnar Ib (Faeroe Islands) 0, Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 3 (agg: 0-7); GKS Katowice (Pol) 1, Benfica 1 (agg: 1-2); Boby Brno (Cz) 0, Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 5 (agg: 0-5); Torino (It) 1, Lillestrom (Nor) 2 (agg: 3-2); Besiktas (Tur) 2, FC Kosice (Slovakia) 0 (agg: 3-2); Ajax (Holl) 5, Hajduk Split (Cro) 0 (agg: 6-1); Ferencvaros (Hun) 1, FC Innsbruck 2 (agg: 1-5); FC Balzers (Liechtenstein) 1, CSKA Sofia 3 (agg: 1-11); FC Lugano (Switz) 1, Real Madrid 3 (agg: 1-6).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Middlesbrough 2, Leicester 0. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Falkirk 0, Clyde 1; Hamilton 0, Dunfermline 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Harrow v Wivenhoe; Molesey v St Albans. Third division: Oxford City 1, Chesham 2.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Replay: Billingham Synthonia 1, Dunston FB 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: League Cup: Cardiff 0, Birmingham 3; Exeter 0, Bournemouth 2; Torquay 2, Plymouth 1. First division: Brighton 5, Southampton 1, Bristol Rovers 3, Tottenham 2; Charlton 0, Watford 1; Luton 4, Oxford Utd 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 2, Barrow 1; Fleetwood 1, Chorley 2; Horwich 2, Colwyn Bay 3. First division: Farsley Celtic 1, Harrogate Town 2; Spennymoor Utd 4, Gretna 0. Presidents Cup: First round: Accrington Stanley 2, Gt Harwood Town 2; Bridlington Town 0, Frickley 3; Winsford 0, Ashton Utd 3.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 0, Notts Forest 0; Newcastle 0, Sunderland 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Liverpool 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Sittingbourne 1, Chatteris Town 2. FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Northallerton 0, Eppleton 1; Whitby Town 1, Shildon 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham Town 3, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Frome Town 0, Westbury Utd 2; Tiverton Town 0, Cradley Utd 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg Town 0, Maltby MW 0; Eccleshill Utd 0, Thackley 3; Shelfield 3, Ossett Town 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Wrexham 1, Warrington Town 2; Bromsgrove Rovers 0, Hinckley Town 2; Redditch Utd 0, Lye Town 1; Nuneaton Borough 6, Pershore Town 3; Banbury Utd 2, Rushden and Diamonds 1.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle & Dunthorne Independent Schools Cup: Alleyn's 0, Bolton GS 4.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen 0, Chadderton 0; Penrith 2, Salford City 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 0, VfB Stuttgart 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS LANCASHIRE SHIELD: First round: Wigan St Judes 24, Leigh 30.
RL ACADEMY: Salford 16, Widnes 4.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales A 61, Japan 5 (at Stradey Park, Llanelli).
CLUB MATCHES: Aspatria 48, Carlisle 5; Cambridge University 20, St Mary's Hospital 20; Lydney 20, Penarth 5; Oxford University 32, Combined London Oil 16; Nuneaton 8, Loughborough Students 0; Moseley 18, Cheltenham 19.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Dundle 16, Harrow 17; King's, Worcester 10, Wrekin Col 3; Colfe's 0, John Fisher 11; Christ's Hospital 9, Dulwich 24.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 56, Cradley 32. Postponed: Poole v Belle Vue. Second division: Long Eaton 74, Oxford 34.

TENNIS

BASLE: Switzerland indoor championship: First round: S Edberg (Swe) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 7-6, M Stich (Ger) bt F Sanzoro (Fr), 7-5, 6-2, J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt M Ondruska (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, T Enqvist (Swed) bt Y El-Aynaoui (Mor), 7-5, 6-1; M Gollner (Ger) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-5, 6-3; M Damm (Cz Rep) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-4. Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt Goellner, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Raoux (Fr), 7-6, 6-2.

BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Men: Second round: S Stewart (US) bt D Ward (Ken), 6-3, 7-6; P Langvardt (Den) bt L. Milligan (Middx), 6-1, 6-0; P Hand (Berkshire) bt B Cowan (Lancashire), 6-3, 6-4; P Wright (Devon) bt I Hargreaves (Ger), 6-2, 6-4, D Sapsford (Surrey) bt M Wyeth (Surrey), 6-1 6-2. Third round: B Gyetko (Can) bt S Herdouza (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; P Langvardt (Den) bt S Stewart (US), 6-0, 6-3; Sapsford (Surrey) bt Wright (Devon), 6-1, 6-0. Women: First round: A Huber (US) bt K Nugent (Ire), 5-7, 7-5, 7-6; N Egorova (Russ) bt Y Klompenhouwer (Holl), 6-3, 7-6; 2nd rd: S Siddall (Dorset) bt C Hall (Dorset), 6-2, 6-4, L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt E Bond (Glouss), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; K Cross (Devon) bt J Ward (Durham and Cleveland), 6-0, 6-2; S Parkhomenko (Rus) bt K Hand (Berkshire) 6-7, 7-6, 6-1; L Ahl (Dewon) bt D Huber (US), 7-5, 6-4; N Egorova (Rus) bt R Volkerts (Holl), 6-1, 6-1. Third round: Parkhomenko bt S Siddall (Dorset), 6-1, 6-0; J Pullin (Sussex) bt Woodroffe, 6-7, 6-0, 6-4; Cross bt T Jecmenica (Yug), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: First round: P Fendick (US) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-3 7-6; B Rittner (Ger) bt L Golarsa (It), 7-6, 6-3. Second round: J Novotna (Cz Rep) bt C Singer (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; S Graf (Ger) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl), 6-1, 6-1; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt M McGrath (US), 2-6, 6-1, 7-6; M Maleeva (Bul) bt K Po (US), 6-4, 6-2.

PALERMO, Sicily: Men's tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; L Matar (Br) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt M Koevermans (Holl), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-1, 6-3; J Burillo (Sp) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 6-4.

SAPPORO, Japan: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): L Harvey-Wild bt B Bowes, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4; I Spirlea (Rom) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 (7-5); N van Lottum (Fr) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Ye Kamio (Japan) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 7-5; L Raymond bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-2, 6-2; D Monami (Bel) bt Wang Shi-ting (Taiwan), 6-4, 6-3.; M Endo (Japan), bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-3, 6-1; S Stafford bt M Werdel, 6-2, 6-4. Second round: I Spirlea (Rom) bt Coetzer, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6; Endo bt Kschwendt, 6-3, 6-1; Stafford bt Werdel (US), 6-2, 6-4; N Van Lottum (Fr) bt K Nagatsuka, (Japan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; L Raymond bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-2, 6-2; Y Kamio (Japan) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 7-6; Harvey-Wild bt B Bowes, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4, D Monami (Bel) bt W Shi-ting, Tai 6-4 6-3.

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: Second round: J Bates (GB) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; N Borwick (Aus) bt B Steven (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-4, 6-2; J Svensson (Swe) bt K Thorne (US), 6-2, 6-4; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 7-5, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt R Weiss (US), 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; J Eltingh (Holl) bt J Courier (US), 6-4, 6-3, G Stafford (SA) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 Doubles quarter-finals: J Bates and C van Rensburg (GB and SA) bt C Chang and M Chang (US), 6-4, 7-5.

GOLF

STUTTGART: German Open: First round (British and Irish unless stated): 66: D Frost (SA). 67: E Els (SA), S Richardson. 68: M-A Jimenez (Sp), M Hallberg (Swe), R Claydon, F Nobilo (NZ), W Westner (SA), R Karlsson (Swe), R Davis (Aus), M Roe, M-A Martin (Sp). 69: M Pinero (Sp), J-M Olazabal (Sp), G Brand Jr, G Day (US), D Feherty, J Spence. 70: J Townsend (US), A Sherborne, C Williams, J Parnevik (Swe), A Oldcorn, S Struver (Ger), P Walton, S McAllister, C Montgomerie, J Rivero (Sp), P-U Johansson (Swe), S Ballesteros (Sp), G J Brand, J Van de Velde (Fr). 71: P Price, C Karlsson (Swe), A Murray, M Mouland, M McNulty (Zim), J Hawkes (SA), T Kite (US), V Singh (Fiji), R Allenby (Aus), M Pinero, M Lanner (Swe), F Lindgren (Swe), J Rystrom (Swe), G Orr, P Way, P Fowler (Aus), M Davis. 72: D Miljovic (Can), A Cejka (Ger), M Zerman (It), J Payne, C Beck (US), C Rocca (It), G Evans, P Broadhurst, H Thul (Ger). 73: M Ferry (Fr), P O'Malley (Aus), U Zilg (Ger), B Lane, B Langer (Ger), S Field, S Dreppsoand (It), J-M Canales (Sp), M Sunesson (Swe), A Lyle, T Gledson (Ger). 74: G Ralph, P Mitchell, T Watson, D Clarke, D Cooper, P Hall, K Waters, D Gilford, P Lawrie. 75: M McClean, I Palmer (SA), G Turner (NZ), A Forsbrand (Swe), D Smyth, G Levenson, J-M Canizares (Sp). 76: D R Jones, R Boxall, P Curry, D J Russell, S Tinning (Den), J Hobday (SA), C Mason. 77: A Sorensen (Den), J Sewell, O Sellberg (Swe), V Fernandez (Arg), O Edelstein (Ger), R Rafferty. 79: R Berhorst (Ger). 80: R Mund (Ger), S Luna (Spain). 81: D Silva (Por).

MIYOSHI: Tokai Classic. First round: (Japanese unless stated): 70: H Mashiki 71: H Miyase, H Shigenobu, H Goda. 72: S Okuda, K Tajkami, M Kawamura, H Kamide, K Mata, T Sudo, H Inoue. H Hamano, Y Sakamoto, TKal. Other scores: 73: B Hughes (Aus), 75: S Gamson (Sing), E Herrera (Col), P Hoad (GB).

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Swansea v Reading

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Drogheda United v Shamrock Rovers (8.0)
FA VASE: Preliminary round: Sheppey v Langney Sports.

RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone v St Helens (7.30).

OTHER SPORT
BOXING: WBC heavyweight championship: Lennox Lewis (GB, holder) v Frank Bruno (GB) (Cardiff Arms Park, 1am Saturday).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

ACALEPHA
(c) A class of Radiate marine animals, embracing the Jelly fishes and Medusæ, of pellucid gelatinous substance; so called from possessing the power of stinging or tingling anything which they touch, whence some of them are known as sea-nettles; from the Greek *akalēphē* a nettle: "Class II *Acalepha* (Sea Blubbers), the most common form of these animals is that of an umbrella or a mushroom; a broad circular convex disk of jelly, usually clear and colourless."

BODRAG(E)
(b) A hostile incursion, a raid, probably a corruption of some Irish word, *eg buaidreadh* molestation, disturbance, or *buadre* tumult: Spenser, 1595: "No nightly bodrags, nor no hue and cries."

THILLER
(c) The shaft-horse or wheeler of a team, of uncertain origin. the *thill* means a shaft or pole by which a wagon or other vehicle is attached to the animal drawing it, but the OE *thille* means board, deal or flooring, and the sense is so different that, without further evidence, it seems unsafe to connect them: "A half canon upon its carriage, drawn with seven couple of horse, and a thiller horse."

ULTONIAN
(a) An inhabitant or native of Ulster, from the Irish Gaelic *Ultach*, stem of the Old Irish *Ulaid*: "If the Scots failed to subdue the south thoroughly, they succeeded in crushing the Ultonians."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
Black brushed aside the white defences with 1 . . . Ng3+!; 2 hxg3 hxg3+ 3 Nh3 (3 Kh1 Rgh6 with . . . Rh1 coming) 3 . . . Bxh3 4 gxh3 Rxh3+ 5 Kg2 Rh2 mate.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



First Trump, second left, snatches the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday from stable companion, Owington, who is upsides

First Trump fails to convince

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

WANTED: a top-class colt to stamp his authority and become a worthy favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas. Since 1945, the Newgate Stud Middle Park Stakes has produced six winners who have gone on to land the classic, the latest being Rodrigo De Triano, but it will be surprise if First Trump emulates his predecessors on the strength of his success in the group one race at Newmarket yesterday.

In a thrilling finish, fought out by two Geoff Wragg-trained runners, First Trump showed his recent Mill Reef Stakes run at Newbury to be all wrong as he forged past Owington inside the final furlong. Redoubtable returned from a long absence to finish third while Turtle Island, the 85-40 favourite, disappointed in fourth.

By this time last year, Zafonic had captured the imagination of the racing public and been promoted to justified favouritism for this season's 2,000 Guineas. But with only five weeks of the turf Flat season remaining, it is hard to pinpoint anything in his league, and the form and time of yesterday's race appears moderate.

Such is the dearth of quality colts, Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes commented: "If Coup De Genie, the 1,000 Guineas favourite, was to go for the 2,000 Guineas she would be a short-priced favourite. We have not seen a decent colt so far this season."

Wragg, who had never won the Middle Park, urged Michael Hills to hold up First Trump in the style adopted by his father, Harry Wragg, which earned him the title of "Head Waiter". Hills followed the instructions to the letter and did not make his move until the top of the hill two furlongs out, hitting the front only 80 yards from the line.

"Ridden like that I think he will get a mile, as will Owington, and both will be entered for the Guineas," Wragg said. Neither, however, made a ripple in the 2,000 Guineas ante-post market. Ladbrokes now bet: 16-1 Colonel Collins, 20-1 Polish Laughter, 25-1 First Trump, Nicolotte, Owington, Psychobabble and Magnasonic, 33-1 others.

Lord Carnarvon, owner of Lemon Souffle, reported yesterday that his filly had recovered well from an operation to repair the damage suffered when she was struck into during the Cheveley Park Stakes. A torn flexor tendon has been stitched but the filly will be in bandages for some time. A scan in two to three months time will determine whether she can race again.

Injuries to horses, whether on the Flat or over the jumps, are always the saddest sight and, understandably, arouse strong feelings among the public. The animal rights movement, which was involved in a protest before this year's void Grand National, has become increasingly vocal in the United States following the death of the Richard Hannon-trained Mr Brooks in last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint.

As a result of recent protests, vigorous pre-race inspection of horses will be carried out at Santa Anita next month.

Ted Bassett, the president of the Breeders' Cup, visited Newmarket yesterday and said a "crisis management team" of five vets would carry out a "rather rigid pre-race inspection" of horses at the Californian track.

"They will will be looking at the horses a minimum of four times, when they arrive, during their work and before the race. There will also be the most rigid and comprehensive post-race drug testing that has ever been done in North America," Bassett added. However, Lasix and Bute can be administered to horses at Santa Anita.

With rain continuing to fall at Longchamp, backers continued to side with soft ground horses for Sunday's Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Armiger is now 10-1 from 12-1 with Ladbrokes while Bob's Return, the St Leger winner, was cut from 16-1 to 12-1 after one bet of £10,000. William Hill reported support for the Aga Khan-owned Shemaka, who is an 8-1 chance.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARADONNA
(4.30 Newmarket)
Next best: Arjuzah
(3.20 Goodwood)

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
1.50 Arabellajill. 2.25 LAMBAST (nap). 2.55 Cambara. 3.25 Colonel Collins. 3.55 Lost Soldier. 4.30 Maradonna.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Cambara.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.50 SNOWDENS MARQUEES RATED HANDICAP
(Fillies & mares: £8,204: 6f) (14 runners)

101 (5) 610200 BRANSTON ABBY 6 (D,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-7 .... M Roberts 99
102 (10) 00-2510 MASSIBA 105 (D,F,G,S) (F Salisbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-13 .... B Raymond 90
103 (8) 160050 DOMINUET 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-8-11 .... J Lowe 93
104 (12) 440060 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 7 (D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 3-8-9 .... P Robinson 89
105 (14) 360310 MARGARET'S GIFT 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs T Holderoft) J Berry 3-8-8 .... J Carroll 95
106 (7) 304003 ARABELLAJILL 8 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 4-8-8 .... K Darley 98
107 (1) 211502 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 13 (B,D,F,G) (P Axon) M Ryan 4-8-7 .... P McCabe (5) 97
108 (6) 0-03100 NAGIDA 41 (D,G,S) (J Toller) J Toller 4-8-7 .... J Weaver 96
109 (4) 3-00050 POKER CHIP 23 (F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-7 .... M Hills 97
110 (11) 3-32250 LEE ARTISTE 14 (B,D,F) (E Jameson) P Cole 5-8-7 .... Pat Eddery 94
111 (9) 106-0 AMIRATI 87 (G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-5 .... J Tate (5) 82
112 (3) 15500 WAFFLE ON 17 (CD,G) (T Holland-Martin) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 .... J Reid 86
113 (2) 3-30131 ALASIB 28 (D,F) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 3-8-5 .... L Dettori 87
114 (13) 500024 SIMPLY SOOTY 16 (BF,S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 3-8-5 .... A Mackay 86

Long handicap: Lee Artiste 8-3, Amirati 8-3, Waffle On 8-1, Alasib 8-0, Simply Sooty 7-9 (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-5).

BETTING: 7-1 Arabellajill, Branston Abby, Nagida, Truthful Image, 8-1 Margaret's Gift, 10-1 Dominuet, Star Family Friend, 12-1 Alasib, Amirati, Poker Chip, 16-1 others.

1992: SPLICE 3-9-0 N Varley (8-1) J Fanshawe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBY 1½l 2nd of 15 to Master Planner in a handicap at York (6f, good to firm), with POKER CHIP (5lb better off) 3¼l 5th and DOMINUET (4lb better off) last. MARGARET'S GIFT beat Master Planner a neck in a 17-runner handicap at Goodwood (6f, good).
TRUTHFUL IMAGE ½l 2nd of 29 to Hard To Figure in the Ayr Gold Cup (6f, good to firm), with ARABELLAJILL (5lb better off) 2½l 7th, DOMINUET (6lb better off) 3½l 16th and MARGARET'S GIFT (6lb better off) 6½l 28th. NAGIDA beat Cumbrian Waltzer a neck in the 30-runner Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot (6f, soft), with ARABELLAJILL (same terms) ¾l 3rd, BRANSTON ABBY (1lb worse off) 3¼l 8th and MASSIBA (3lb better off) 2l 13th.
ALASIB beat SIMPLY SOOTY (same terms) ¾l in a 9-runner conditions race at Haydock (6f, good to firm).
Selection: NAGIDA

2.25 RACING POST CLAIMING STAKES (C4)
(£4,815: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

201 (3) 202105 AZUREUS 13 (CD,F) (J Murdoch) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-9 .... K Darley 95
202 (9) 411410 RUNAWAY PETE 15 (D,F,G,S) (T Liang) P Cole 3-9-6 .... M Hills 96
203 (3) 2402-00 FAUGERON 105 (C,F) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 4-9-4 .. R Cochrane 91
204 (11) 20/3312- SAFFAAH 211J (D,S) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 6-9-4 .... J Carroll 90
205 (8) 0- FIREBIRD LAD 452 (Mrs K Curtis) R Curtis 5-8-13 .... J Lowe –
206 (4) 00060-3 MAHAASIN 3 (Mrs J Cosgrove) A Bailey 5-8-8 .... A Mackay 69
207 (12) 2324 LAMBAST 16 (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) D Elsworth 3-8-7 .... Pat Eddery 99
208 (10) 0-04340 PLATINUM VENTURE 32 (Dr F Chao) S Woods 3-8-7 .... W Woods 85
209 (1) 03 RUFFLE 96 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 3-8-7 .... J Reid 78
210 (5) REJECTS REPLY (Mrs N Ward) W Musson 3-8-6 .... G Hind –
211 (7) 0-00445 SOLO CHARTER 18 (BF) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 3-8-6 .... P Robinson 85
212 (13) SHINGLE PATH (Mrs R Stepper) R Boss 3-8-5 .... M Roberts –
213 (14) SNOW DREAM (P Axon) M Ryan 3-8-5 .... P McCabe (5) –
214 (6) 162550 SPARKY'S SONG 14 (F) (Mrs A Barwick) J Hills 3-8-3 .... R Hills 89
215 (15) 102120 KIAWAH 7 (D,F) (R Field) J Fanshawe 3-8-1 .... N Varley (7) 90

BETTING: 11-4 Runaway Pete, 7-2 Saffaah, 4-1 Lambast, 6-1 Azureus, 8-1 Ruffle, 14-1 Kiawah, 16-1 Solo Charter, 25-1 others.

1992: TEMPLE KNIGHT 3-9-1 R Cochrane (8-1) C Cyzer 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

AZUREUS beat Temple Knight 3½l in a 4-runner claimer on the July Course (1m 4f, good to firm). RUNAWAY PETE beat Cast The Line 2l in a 6-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, firm). SAFFAAH 1l 2nd of 8 to Whitechapel in a handicap at Salisbury last May (1m 4f, good). MAHAASIN 7l 3rd of 13 to Wald in a maiden handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good to soft).
LAMBAST 2½l 2nd of 4 to La Spezia in a maiden at Epsom on penultimate start (1m 2f, good to firm). RUFFLE 3l 3rd of 10 to Karachi in a claimer on the July Course in June (1m 2f, good), with SOLO CHARTER (14lb better off) 3½l 4th. SPARKY'S SONG 8½l 5th of 10 to Bag Of Tricks in a claimer at Epsom on penultimate start (1m 2f, good), with PLATINUM VENTURE (5lb worse off) 8½l 8th.
KIAWAH ½l 2nd of 15 to Ann Hill in a seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: RUNAWAY PETE

2.55 CHARLES WELLS EAGLE BITTER RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£8,566: 7f) (18 runners)

301 (2) 303210 MASTER PLANNER 13 (C,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-7 .... J D Smith (7) 94
302 (4) 15-010 FRAAM 8 (BF,B,S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-6 .... W R Swinburn 92
303 (5) 1-10160 CROFT VALLEY 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (Miss V Pratt) R Akehurst 6-9-6 .... D Harrison 91
304 (9) 205540 DUPLICITY 13 (F,S) (B Keay) L Holt 5-9-5 .... J Reid 93
305 (12) 003263 KAYVEE 8 (D,F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 4-9-4 .... M Perrett 98
306 (16) 414432 WINGED VICTORY 8 (D,F,G) (P Melton) I Balding 3-8-12 .... L Dettori 97
307 (10) 25-2000 REALITIES 6 (G) (S Kamel) G Harwood 3-8-12 .... R Cochrane 91
308 (17) 501412 CORALS DREAM 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hanson) C Wall 4-8-11 .... W Woods 96
309 (14) 00-3142 GIPSY FIDDLER 7 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs J Beighton) J Glover 5-8-11 .... S D Williams (3) 96
310 (15) 03113 CAMBARA 7 (BF,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-11 .... M Roberts 91
311 (6) 600100 ECHO-LOGICAL 13 (D,F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-8-10 .... K Darley 91
312 (1) 21206-5 WUFUD 13 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-10 .... R Hills 87
313 (3) 21-3021 DIXIELAND MELODY 27 (F) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 3-8-9 .... B Raymond 99
314 (7) 602440 HEAVENLY RISK 13 (F,G) (Rothvale Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-8 .... M Hills 93
315 (13) 500020 NOBLE PET 21 (D,S) (A Schiff) P Makin 4-8-7 .... J Carroll 93
316 (18) 261150 NEITHER NOR 13 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-7 .... P Robinson 88
317 (8) 005000 GREEN DOLLAR 13 (C,F,G) (B Azemouden) P Howling 10-8-7 .... T Sprake 87
318 (11) 313235 TYCHONIC 34 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-4 .... Pat Eddery 93

Long handicap: Neither Nor 8-3, Tychonic 8-3 (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-4)

BETTING: 7-1 Tychonic, 8-1 Cambara, Dixieland Melody, 10-1 Fraam, Kayvee, Winged Victory, 14-1 Corals Dream, Croft Valley, Duplicity, Realities, 12-1 Gipsy Fiddler, 14-1 Echo-Logical, 20-1 others.

1992: MILLSOLIN 4-8-1 G Carter (5-2 fav) R Akehurst 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER PLANNER beat Branston Abby 1½l in a 15-runner handicap at York (6f, good to firm), with DUPLICITY (7lb better off) 2¼l 4th.
FRAAM beat Beauchamp Hero 1l in a 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft), with CROFT VALLEY (6lb better off) 20l 13th. KAYVEE 3¾l 3rd of 26 to Young Ern in a valuable handicap at Ascot (7f, good to soft), with REALITIES (same terms) 3¾l 7th. WINGED VICTORY head 2nd of 4 to Meadow Pipit in an apprentices' race at Ascot (7f, good to soft). CORALS DREAM beat Ghost tree a neck in a 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft), with NOBLE PET (4lb better off) 20l 10th.
GIPSY FIDDLER neck 2nd of 21 to My Best Valentine in a handicap at Redcar (7f, good). CAMBARA 2½l 3rd of 12 to Andromaque in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft).
ECHO-LOGICAL beat Rocky Waters a neck in a handicap at Epsom (7f, firm), with NEITHER NOR (3lb better off) 2¾l 6th.
DIXIELAND MELODY beat Wahtik 1½l in a 7-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, firm). NOBLE PET 2l 2nd of 9 to Young Ern in a handicap at Goodwood (7f, good), with CORALS DREAM 1½l 4th. TYCHONIC (1lb better off) 1l 5th and KAYVEE (3lb better off) 3½l 6th.
Selection: TYCHONIC

3.25 SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,116: 7f) (9 runners)

401 (2) 11 COLONEL COLLINS 49 (D,F,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-1 .... J Reid 94
402 (8) 5211 INNISHOWEN 21 (CD,G,S) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 9-1 .... K Darley 92
403 (1) 231235 FAST EDDY 44 (G) (Mrs A O'Reilly) D Loder 8-11 .... L Dettori 94
404 (3) 31121 FRIENDLY CHAMP 26 (D,F,G) (Dr M Yeh) R Armstrong 8-11 .... R Price 96
405 (7) 13 GRAND LODGE 45 (BF,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-11 .... Pat Eddery 99
406 (9) 145 MR EUBANKS 64 (CD,F) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11 .... R Cochrane 81
407 (4) 6001 SOUTHERN RIDGE 13 (S) (B Brown) D Elsworth 8-11 .... D Harrison 93
408 (6) STAR CARNIVAL (J Abdullah) C Brittain 8-11 .... W R Swinburn –
409 (5) YOUNG CLIFFORD (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 8-11 .... M Hills –

BETTING: 5-4 Colonel Collins, 7-2 Innishowen, 4-1 Grand Lodge, 7-1 Fast Eddy, 8-1 Friendly Champ, 14-1 others.

1992: NOMINATOR 9-1 W Carson (16-1) R Hollinshead 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLONEL COLLINS beat Thabit 3½l in a 4-runner listed race at Newbury (7f, good). INNISHOWEN beat Escarpment 2½l in a 6-runner listed race at Goodwood (1m, good to soft).
FAST EDDY's best effort came when 4l 3rd of 9 to Turtle Island in the group I Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown on penultimate start (6f, good).
FRIENDLY CHAMP beat Star Talent 2½l in a 7-runner conditions race at Kempton (7f, good). GRAND LODGE 5l 3rd of 8 to Concordial in a conditions race at York (7f, good to soft). SOUTHERN RIDGE beat Lallam 2½l in a 19-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, good to soft).
Selection: FAST EDDY

3.55 MAIN REEF STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: £10,377: 1m) (7 runners)

501 (4) 311330 EN ATTENDANT 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Newton) B Hanbury 5-9-0 .... B Raymond 99
502 (2) 1-21453 GABR 21 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-10 .... R Hills 98
503 (3) 654220 LOST SOLDIER 43 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-10 .... M Roberts 98
504 (5) 1136 SOVIET LINE 13 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-10 .... W R Swinburn 95
505 (7) 121 WAGON MASTER 101 (CD,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-10 .... L Dettori 94
506 (6) 11-2024 WHARF 108 (F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-10 .... Pat Eddery 94
507 (1) 1-5051 SUMOTO 15 (G,S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-5 .... M Hills 96

BETTING: 3-1 En Attendant, 100-30 Wagon Master, 4-1 Wharf, 11-2 Soviet Line, 13-2 Gabr, 8-1 Sumoto, 14-1 Lost Soldier.

1992: INNER CITY 3-9-6 L Dettori (11-4 jt-fav) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT ¾l 3rd of 12 to Bon Point in the group III Prix Quincey at Deauville on penultimate start (1m, good).
GABR 2½l 3rd of 6 to Knifebox in the group III Abtrust Select Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). LOST SOLDIER short-head 2nd of 19 to Philidor in a handicap at Goodwood on penultimate start (1m, good to soft). SOVIET LINE's best effort was when beating Bobbie Dee 5l in a 6-runner conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). WAGON MASTER beat Underwater 1½l in a 7-runner conditions race at Newbury (1m, good), with LOST SOLDIER (same terms) 2½l 4th. WHARF 5¼l 4th of 4 to Kingmambo in the group I St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft).
SUMOTO beat Queen's View a short head in a 9-runner conditions race at Lingfield (7f, soft).
Selection: WHARF

4.30 STAYERS HANDICAP (£5,754: 1m 6f) (18 runners)

601 (10) 0/0302-0 SUBSONIC 30 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 5-9-10 .... G Hind 87
602 (16) 4-14 REFUGIO 98 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-9 .... M Roberts 97
603 (6) 103060 PHARAMINEUX 51 (D,F,G) (N Roteman) R Akehurst 7-9-8 .... Pat Eddery 93
604 (3) 0/0/63-2 CRYSTAL SPIRIT 151J (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-9-8 .... L Dettori 92
605 (17) 411160 SHUJAN 32 (D,G,S) (M Polglase) R Armstrong 4-9-8 .... R Price 93
606 (5) 011245 MUJAWAB 15 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-7 .... R Hills 94
607 (9) 330205 DEDUCE 71 (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-9-6 .... M Hills 94
608 (4) 044-51 MARADONNA 18 (S) (G Leigh) L Cumani 4-9-5 .... R Cochrane 96
609 (18) 140026 BLUE BLAZER 7 (G,S) (McHalapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 3-9-5 .... B Raymond 96
610 (15) 421214 FIRST BID 13 (F,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 6-9-5 .... A Culhane 95
611 (13) 642406 MISS PIN UP 21 (CD,F,G) (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 4-9-4 .... W R Swinburn 96
612 (14) 00-5412 WINGS COVE 34 (D,F) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 3-9-2 .... J Reid 92
613 (12) 241221 LAKE POOPO 15 (F,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-1 .... D Holland 94
614 (7) 534100 HARD TASK 13 (G) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-13 .... J Carroll 99
615 (1) 135220 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 14 (D,F,G) (B Sauntally) Bob Jones 5-8-11 .... M Wigham 95
616 (8) 513313 TILTY 8 (F,G) (Mrs P Cock) R Hannon 3-8-8 .... K Darley 96
617 (2) 042204 ADDICTED TO LOVE 22 (B,G) (Mascalls Stud) P Makin 4-8-7 .... T Sprake 95
618 (11) 260631 NEMEA 29 (F) (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 3-8-1 .... P Robinson 98

BETTING: 7-2 Shujan, 9-2 Wings Cove, 11-2 Refugio, 8-1 Mujawab, 10-1 Maradonna, Miss Pin Up, 12-1 Deduce, 14-1 Crystal Spirit, Tilty, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL SPIRIT 4l 2nd of 5 to Jack Button in a conditions race at Haydock (2m, soft).
SHUJAN's best effort was when dead-heating with Haddaaj in a 6-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good). FIRST BID beat Pistol River 3l in a 9-runner handicap at Doncaster on penultimate start (1m 4f, soft). WINGS COVE neck 2nd of 5 to Shirley Rose in a conditions race at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm).
LAKE POOPO beat Mondragon ¾l in a 5-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good to firm), with MUJAWAB (4lb better off).
LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 1¾l 2nd of 12 to Mishelet in a handicap at Thirsk on penultimate start (1m 4f, firm). TILTY 6½l 3rd of 15 to Safety in Numbers in a handicap at Ascot last time out (2m, good to soft).
Selection: FIRST BID (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	5	19	26.3	N Varley	4	13	30.8
P Chapple-Hyam	14	59	23.7	Pat Eddery	90	486	18.5
H Cecil	70	326	21.5	W R Swinburn	63	395	15.9
M Stoute	50	282	17.7	M Hills	36	257	14.0
P Cole	19	114	16.7	L Dettori	56	430	13.0
J Fanshawe	16	100	16.0	M Roberts	60	524	11.5

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



NEWMARKET
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2.25: The lightly-raced **Ruffle** is an unknown quantity but has been entered here on an eye-catching weight. She has not run since a badly-hampered third in a similar event three months ago. However, she was well backed that day and can recoup those losses. Lambast is consistent but has yet to prove she stays this trip. Kiawah is a difficult ride but Azureus looks sure to run well.

2.55: Kayvee turns out again after an excellent third to Young Ern in a valuable handicap at Ascot six days ago. Consistent though he is, his winning record is sparse and **Gipsy Fiddler** is preferred. Brought along slowly by Jeremy Glover, the five-year-old ran his best race of the season when just inched out at Redcar last week. Cambara, Corals Dream and Dixieland Melody are others to consider. Fraam, disappointing at Ascot, has claims on his best form.

3.25: Of the 13 horses Colonel Collins has beaten in his two starts, only one, Sawlajan, has won since, and he finished last in the Royal Lodge last Saturday. Currently favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas, Colonel Collins is up against it today, and may not manage the 4lb concession to **Friendly Champ**. This colt, from a stable in fine form, goes from strength to strength and can take another notable scalp. Innishowen is hard to fancy with his penalty, while Grand Lodge failed to live up to his tall reputation at York last time.

3.55: **Wagon Master** is worth chancing against Wharf, who has been off the track since June. Alec Stewart's colt met with defeat only when tried over ten furlongs; he holds Soviet Line and Lost Soldier on early-season form. Both En Attendant and Gabr have been busy recently and may be losing their edge. Sumoto needed to work hard to win a minor race at Lingfield last time and faces a sterner task here.

Julian Muscat

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.15 Forest Loch. 2.45 Balandra Bay. 3.20 Sharp Prod. 3.50 Broughton's Tango. 4.25 Perpendicular. 4.55 Hawaii Storm. 5.25 Choir Practice.

Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.25 CHOIR PRACTICE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.20 ARJUZAH (nap). 4.25 Young Buster.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS
DRAW: 7F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST ON SOFT GROUND

2.15 MERBURY CATERING SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,248: 7f) (20 runners)

1 6430 SWAGGER LADY 46 J Dunlop 9-7 .... L Piggott 9
2 6500 COMMECT 46 (F) B Meehan 8-12 .... A Lakeman (7) 17
3 2060 NOT FOR JOE 14 W Muir 8-9 .... W Newnes 7
4 065 JOBISDUN 45 J Moore 8-6 .... Mark Denaro (7) 12
5 6300 TOTON LAD 3 K Ivory 8-6 .... M Wigham 4
6 0550 FOREST LOCH 37 (BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-5 .... W Carson 15
7 3000 SWORDSMANSHIP 18 (B) M Prescott 8-4 .... G Duffield 19
8 050 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 34 C James 8-4 .... B Rouse 3
9 3530 ELLARUTH 80 M Tompkins 8-4 .... S Mulvey (7) 20
10 5030 KENNET BOY 24 (B) P Cole 8-4 .... T Quinn 14
11 0300 HIGH SWINGER 22 H Collingridge 8-4 .... J Quinn 1
12 0030 SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE 9 M Muggeridge 8-3 .... J Williams 8
13 5524 STRAPPED 32 M Channon 8-3 .... N Adams 13
14 0530 QUEENS STROLLER 18 B Hills 8-3 .... W Ryan 10
15 0660 ROYAL INTERPRETER 10 (V) P McEntee 8-2 .... R Perham 11
16 000 ONLY FOOLS 17 G Balding 8-2 .... A Clark 16
17 3560 SWEET WHISPER 28 (G) R Hannon 8-1 .... A McGlone 5
18 4000 KOONOONA LADY 41 A Jarvis 8-1 .... F Norton 18
19 000 LETS GO BO 18 (B) J Sutcliffe 7-13 .... A Tucker 2
20 4365 JUST GREENWICH 17 T Mills 7-13 .... N Gwilliams (5) 6

13-2 Strapped, 7-1 Forest Loch, 8-1 Royal Interpreter, 9-1 Kennet Boy, Sweet Whisper, Just Greenwich, 10-1 Ellaruth, Swordsmanship, 12-1 others.

2.45 RATIONAL COMBI STEAMER CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,287: 6f) (4)

1 1621 BALANDRA BAY 41 (D,G,S) R Hannon 9-3 .... W Carson 2
2 211 SERIOUS OPTION 116 (D,F,S) P Cole 9-1 .... T Quinn 3
3 1155 PERUSAL 48 (D,F,G) R Hannon 8-13 .... L Piggott 4
4 5431 KERRIE-JO 32 (D,G) M Haynes 8-6 .... G Duffield 1

11-8 Serious Option, 7-4 Balandra Bay, 11-4 Perusal, 8-1 Kerrie-Jo.

3.20 CHARLTON HUNT SUPREME STAKES
(Group III: £20,400: 7f) (7)

1 0523 ARDKINGLASS 28 (D,F,G,S) H Cecil 3-8-13 .... W Ryan 2
2 -612 CASTEDDU 124 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 4-8-12 .... A Munro 5
3 3400 HAZAAM 49 (CD,F,G) M Stoute 4-8-12 .... K Fallon 7
4 3453 DASHING COLOURS 13 (D,G) D J Murphy (Ire) 4-8-9 .... W Supple 3
5 1621 EL DUCO 21 (CD,F,S) R Charlton 3-8-9 .... Paul Eddery 1
6 3461 SHARP PROD 12 (D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 .. L Piggott 4
7 1621 ARJUZAH 22 (D,F,S) J Gosden 3-8-6 .... W Carson 6

7-2 Ardkinglass, 4-1 Arjuzah, 9-2 Dashing Colours, Sharp Prod, 6-1 Casteddu, 7-1 El Duco, 9-1 Hazaam.

3.50 BRITVIC HANDICAP (£3,962: 1m 4f) (13)

1 310- STATAJACK 225J (B,G,S) D Elsworth 5-9-10 .... D Wright (5) 2
2 2654 BOOKCASE 82 (CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 6-9-7 .... J Williams 13
3 0513 TOP RANK 93 (D,F) M Pipe 3-9-5 .... A McGlone 9
4 1355 SPECIAL DAWN 9 (S) J Dunlop 3-8-13 .... W Carson 1
5 1026 WARM SPELL 9 (C,G,S) R Simpson 3-8-13 .... B Rouse 12
6 4312 ISLAND BLADE 164 (BF,D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 4-8-11 A Munro 8
7 1213 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 128 (D,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-11 .... D McCabe (5) 4
8 4215 DAY OF HISTORY 35 (CD,G,S) C Cyzer 4-8-7 .... D Biggs 7
9 -002 HOLIDAY ISLAND 16 (F,S) R Akehurst 4-8-4 .... T Quinn 11
10 -320 CITY LINE 146 (F) D Laing 4-8-1 .... A Tucker 6
11 060 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 137 P Hobbs 4-7-9 .... N Adams 3
12 0020 THEMEDA 37 (G) G Lewis 4-7-7 .... Dale Gibson 10
13 0600 BARBARY REEF 8 (F) G Eden 5-7-7 .... G Bardwell 5

3-1 Holiday Island, 4-1 Bookcase, 9-2 Broughton's Tango, 6-1 Top Rank, 9-1 Island Blade, 12-1 Day Of History, City Line, 14-1 Themeda, 16-1 others.

4.25 ROA FOUNDATION STAKES
(Listed: £14,490: 1m 2f) (5)

1 441- PERPENDICULAR 363 (CD,F,G,S) H Cecil 5-9-0 .... W Ryan 2
2 2361 YOUNG BUSTER 21 (D,F,G,S) G Wragg 5-9-0 .... Paul Eddery 4
3 0131 ICY SOUTH 11 (D,F,S) J Gosden 3-8-8 .... W Carson 5
4 -533 TAOS 13 (V,F,S) J Gosden 3-8-8 .... L Piggott 1
5 4312 QUEEN'S VIEW 15 (BF,F,S) L Cumani 3-8-3 .... A Munro 3

9-4 Young Buster, 5-2 Perpendicular, 100-30 Taos, 4-1 Icy South, 6-1 Queen's View.

4.55 FRIALATOR INTERNATIONAL CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,886: 1m) (25)

1 0251 MOGWAI 18 (B,C,D,G) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-12 .... S Whitworth 24
2 3420 PRECIOUS AIR 9 (D,F,G,S) A Moore 5-9-11 .... B Rouse 19
3 -504 DONIA 16 (B) M Prescott 4-9-9 .... A Munro 12
4 2103 GALLERY ARTIST 76 (B,S) R Guest 5-9-6 .... S Eiffert (7) 3
5 000- RUTH'S GAMBLE 196J (D,G,S) D Wilson 5-9-6 . W Newnes 17
6 0-00 COURTENAY BEE 29 (D,G) W Jarvis 4-9-5 .... M Tebbutt 10
7 1000 SOVIET EXPRESS 27 (B,G) P Cole 3-9-5 .... T Quinn 21
8 0365 SLEEPTITE 24 (BF) C Cyzer 3-9-2 .... D Biggs 14
9 0432 LYN'S RETURN 10 (C,F,G) R Simpson 4-9-1 .. G Rothwell (7) 6
10 505- MELISIO 384 C Wildman 3-9-0 .... Paul Eddery 7
11 0002 HAWAII STORM 21 (D,G,S) Miss A Whitfield 5-8-11 .... R Painter (7) 15
12 6060 DOCTOR-J 14J M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-11 .... D McCabe (5) 22
13 6466 KISSAVOS 24 (D,F,G) C Elsey 7-8-10 .... W Ryan 8
14 0550 HERETICAL MISS 7 (B) R Hannon 3-8-8 .... R Perham 25
15 0445 DARING KING 15 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-8 .... A McGlone 20
16 0202 ZINBAQ 29 (F,G,S) C Benstead 7-8-5 .... T Williams 23
17 0020 SPANISH LOVE 64 (F,S) Mrs S Williams 7-8-6 .. J Dennis (7) 1
18 0006 MEXICAN DANCER 10 (D,G,S) P Howling 4-8-4 . B Crossley 18
19 -554 CHAFF 29 D Morris 6-8-3 .... C Hodgson (5) 4
20 5030 MON PETITNAMOUR 7 (D,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-1 .... B Doyle (3) 2
21 6415 BROWN CARPET 53 (B,D,G) C Horgan 6-8-1 .. D Wright (5) 11
22 5006 FRIENDLY SMILE 15 (B) G Eden 3-8-0 .... NON-RUNNER 5
23 4006 KRAYYAN DAWN 11 R Voorspuy 3-8-0 .... N Adams 8
24 0045 TOCCO JEWEL 52 M Ryan 3-7-13 .... M Baird (7) 13
25 6-60 CONE LANE 55J (P) B Gubby 7-7-12 .... J Quinn 16

9-2 Hawaii Storm, 11-2 Lyn's Return & Donia, 6-1 Chaff, 13-2 Mogwai, 7-1 Zinbaq, 9-1 Gallery Artist, 12-1 Heretical Miss, 16-1 Sleeptite, Daring King, 20-1 Brown Carpet, Mon Petitnamour, 25-1 others.

5.25 LEVY FRIENDLY HANDICAP (£3,418: 5f) (15)

1 2000 FIVESEVENFIVEO 18 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 5-10-0 . A McGlone 15
2 1612 CHOIR PRACTICE 6 (CD,F,G,S) W Haggas 6-9-12 .. C Rutter 11
3 R02R ROYAL DEED 48 (D,G) P McEntee 3-9-11 .... R Perham 5
4 5031 PATSY GRIMES 10 (B,S) M Muggeridge 3-9-8 (7ex) .... Mark Denaro (7) 10
5 2216 SEA-DEER 17 (D,G) L Holt 4-9-6 .... A Munro 3
6 1000 MARTINA 17 (D,F,G,S) G Lewis 5-9-4 .... Paul Eddery 12
7 3322 BATCHWORTH BOUND 18 (D,F,G) S Mellor 4-8-12 W Newnes 2
8 2260 FLORAC 101 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12 .... G Duffield 13
9 4003 PURBECK CENTENARY 15 (D,G) P Howling 3-8-11 .. W Ryan 6
10 3300 PALACEGATE GOLD 55 (C,D,F,G) R Hodges 4-8-11 .... S Drowne (5) 7
11 000- BATTLING BELLA 475 G Moore 4-8-10 .... B Rouse 1
12 -611 AGWA 31 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-8 .... F Norton 4
13 2006 BRIGHT PARAGON 11 (D,S) H Collingridge 4-8-5 .. J Quinn 14
14 0056 JOE SUGDEN 52 (D,F,G,S) P Howling 9-7-13 .... N Carlisle 8
15 0060 DISTANT DYNASTY 15 J Long 3-7-7 .... N Adams 9

7-2 Choir Practice, 11-2 Purbeck Centenary, 6-1 Batchworth Bound, 13-2 Agwa, 7-1 Patsy Grimes, 10-1 Joe Sugden, Martina & Bright Paragon, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 86 runners, 31.4%; W Muir, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 11 from 45, 24.4%; R Charlton, 8 from 36, 22.2%; J Gosden, 19 from 87, 21.8%; M Stoute, 20 from 92, 21.7%.

JOCKEYS: A Munro, 24 winners from 133 rides, 18.0%; W Carson, 49 from 279, 17.6%; B Crossley, 3 from 18, 16.7%; W Ryan, 8 from 74, 10.8%; T Quinn, 19 from 178, 10.7%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 121, 10.7%.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 1.50 Lee Artiste. 2.55 Tychonic. GOODWOOD: 2.15 Swordsmanship, Kennet Boy, Lets Go Bo. 4.25 Taos.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER
2.00 Kilminfoyle. 2.35 Reluctant Suitor. 3.05 Explosive Speed. 3.35 Bold Melody. 4.05 Stay Awake. 4.35 Shelton Abbey. 5.05 Manila Run.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 HYDROCHEM WATER TREATMENT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,892: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 353- SWEET NOBLE 209 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-10 .... M Dwyer
2 3412 RUN MILADY 17 (CD,F) Mrs S Austin 5-11-1 .... D Wilkinson
3 0335 MASTER BOSTON 17 R Woodhouse 5-11-1 .... R Dunwoody
4 62F- JIM-JOE 240 N Mason 8-11-0 .... J Supple (7)
5 003- KILMINFOYLE 148 Mrs M Reveley 8-10-13 .... P Niven
6 050- ROLLING THE BONES 14F (V) M Naughton 4-10-12 .. A Orkney
7 000- LARAPINTA 178 J Johnson 5-10-11 .... B Storey
8 456- OVER THE ODDS 162 J Wade 4-10-10 .... K Jones
9 06-5 SUPPOSIN 6 Mrs S Smith 5-10-5 .... R Guest
10 0-UF CLONADRUM 8 (D,G) T Dyer 9-10-0 .... A Linton (7)
11 0/P6 ASSEMBLY DANCER 8F (V) D Williams 6-10-0 .... R Davis (5)

7-4 Kilminfoyle, 5-2 Sweet Noble, 4-1 Run Milady, 6-1 Master Boston, 8-1 Jim-Joe, 12-1 others.

2.35 TENTEC BOLTING TECHNOLOGY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,989: 2m) (11)

1 F34- AMERICAN HERO 11F R Allan 5-11-0 .... B Storey
2 5U- EMPEROR ALEXANDER 83F J Barclay 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
3 6U3- JIM'S WISH 44F (B) T Cuthbert 5-11-0 .... Carol Cuthbert (7)
4 P- PRICELESS HOLLY 304 R Wood 5-11-0 .... Mr S Brisby
5 23-5 SHANNON KING 9 (BF) B Wilkinson 5-11-0 .... D Byrne
6 P- HIGHCLIFFE JESTER 370 P Beaumont 4-10-13 .... C Hawkins
7 4 NOEL 22 J O'Shea 4-10-13 .... M A Fitzgerald
8 164- RELUCTANT SUITOR 183 (D,F) M Hammond 4-10-13 .. C Grant
9 02-0 JOYFUL IMP 8 J Dixon 6-10-9 .... Mr R Hale (7)
10 000- TASMIN BAYLE 141 R Brewis 5-10-9 .... T Reed
11 25-4 KADARI 13 W Clay 4-10-8 .... Diane Clay

4-7 Reluctant Suitor, 5-1 Shannon King, 8-1 Jim's Wish, Kadari, 10-1 others.

3.05 CONWAY ROBINSON QUALITY ASSURANCE NOVICES CHASE (£2,173: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 -14P DROMINA STAR 9 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 12-11-13 P Williams (5)
2 555/ BEST EFFORT 25F M Naughton 7-11-6 .... A Orkney
3 PF6- CAPTAIN CUTE 123 D Gandolfo 8-11-6 .... D Byrne
4 PP-0 EBRO 9 V Thompson 7-11-6 .... A Merrigan
5 266- JUNIORS CHOICE 141 J Threadgall 10-11-6 .... Miss J Thurlow
6 01P/ SEMINOFF 907 (CD,S) P [illegible] 7-11-6 .... A Dobbin (3)
7 0/1- SPACE CAPTAIN 398 (G) [illegible] 6-11-6 .... N Bentley (3)
8 6-12 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 17 (D,[illegible]) M Hammond 5-11-5 . C Grant

11-10 Explosive Speed, 13-8 Space Captain, 7-1 Dromina Star, 8-1 Seminoff, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J O'Shea, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; P Monteith, 12 from 41, 29.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 66, 24.2%; G Moore, 21 from 88, 23.9%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Hammond, 17 from 84, 20.2%.

JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; N Bentley, 10 from 34, 29.4%; M Dwyer, 16 from 55, 29.1%; A Lamach, 6 from 23, 26.1%; Miss J Thurlow, 3 from 12, 25.0%; C Grant, 31 from 131, 23.7%.

3.35 KIELDER MARKETING GROUP SELLING HURDLE (£1,876: 2m) (11)

1 450- SKITTLE ALLEY 231 (D,G) W Clay 7-12-0 .... Diane Clay
2 340- CARDENDEN 118F J Barclay 5-11-10 .... R Dunwoody
3 4-04 SWANK GILBERT 2 T Cuthbert 7-11-10 .... Carol Cuthbert (7)
4 0/ THOMPSON FLYER 521 R Tate 6-11-10 .... Mrs F Needham
5 P-04 COMMON COUNCIL 28 M Hammond 4-11-9 .... C Grant
6 10- BOLD MELODY 11F (CD,F) P Haslam 4-11-8 .... J Callaghan
7 /PP- SRADARA 212 T Dyer 5-11-5 .... A Linton (7)
8 30P- RICH HEIRESS 142 V Thompson 4-11-4 .... A Merrigan
9 F BOHEMIAN QUEEN 8G J Spearing 3-10-2 .... A Maguire
10 BONNY PRINCESS 13F W Storey 3-10-2 .... K Johnson
11 CINDERS GIRL 25F V Thompson 3-10-2 .... A Dobbin (3)

6-4 Bold Melody, 4-1 Bohemian Queen, 6-1 Common Council, 7-1 Skittle Alley, 10-1 Cardenden, 12-1 Rich Heiress, 16-1 others.

4.05 KIELDER MARKETING GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,905: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 U-25 SONSIE MO 9 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-11 .... P Williams (5)
2 1-12 STAY AWAKE 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 P Niven
3 132- SIR PETER LELY 328 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-11-10 .... C Grant
4 P11- ANTHONY BELL 125 (CD,F,G) T Carr 7-11-2 .... A Orkney
5 44-2 POSITIVE ACTION 9 (CD,F,S) M Barnes 7-11-1 .... A Dobbin (3)
6 6U-0 WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 6 (C,F) Mrs A Hamilton 10-11-1 .... R Dunwoody
7 32F6 POLDER 14 (D,F,G) D Williams 7-10-10 .... R Davis (5)
8 134- MOSS BEE 123 (D,F) W Reed 6-10-9 .... T Reed
9 5-40 AFRICAN SAFARI 14 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 9-10-6 .... Gary Lyons
10 2-50 PRESSURE GAME 9 (D,F) B Mactaggart 10-10-6 .... A Merrigan
11 P-53 MR PANACHE 34 (CD,F) J Hubbock 11-10-5 .... D Bentley (5)

9-4 Stay Awake, 11-4 Sir Peter Lely, 100-30 Positive Action, 5-1 Sonsie Mo, 7-1 Anthony Bell, Moss Bee, 8-1 Wheelies Newmember, 12-1 others.

4.35 LORDS OF HARROGATE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,186: 3m) (5)

1 33-0 THE GREEN FOOL 8 (C,F,G,S) V Thompson 6-12-0 . A Merrigan
2 201- SHELTON ABBEY 171 (D,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-11-10 A Larnach (3)
3 131- MARRA'S ROSCOE 154 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 P Niven
4 F03- CELTIC BREEZE 121 (V,CD,G,S) M Naughton 10-11-9 .... A Dobbin (3)
5 44-0 HAMANAKA 13 (V,S) M Hammond 4-10-13 .... C Grant

11-10 Marra's Roscoe, 2-1 Shelton Abbey, 5-1 Celtic Breeze, 7-1 The Green Fool, 10-1 Hamanaka.

5.05 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,420: 2m) (8)

1 FIVE FLAGS Mrs S Smith 5-11-6 .... R Wilkinson (7)
2 THE WEATHERMAN G Moore 5-11-6 .... N Bentley (3)
3 MANILA RUN Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-5 .... W Dwan (5)
4 ROSEBERRY TOPPING Mrs M Reveley 4-11-5 . M Herrington (7)
5 0- MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 160 R Tate 5-11-1 .... Mrs F Needham
6 AMBER HOLLY J Dixon 4-11-0 .... Mr R Hale (7)
7 FARM TRACK F Storey 4-11-0 .... Mr A Parker (7)
8 05- STAGGERING 205 M Naughton 4-11-0 .... A Dobbin (3)

6-4 Roseberry Topping, 5-2 Manila Run, 7-2 The Weatherman, 10-1 Staggering, 12-1 Five Flags, 20-1 others.

□ Christopher Sporborg has been appointed to serve as a member of the Tote board for two years from today. He succeeds Lord Swaythling.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

1.35 (1m 4f) 1, MUHAYAA (W R Swinburn, 11-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Peter Quince (W Ryan, 5-1); 3, Persian Brave (M Hills, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 John Balliol (4th), 10 Summer Pageant (5th), 14 Urgent Request, 25 Peaches Polly, 33 Kalimutu (6th). 8 ran. Sh hd, 3½l, 2l, 12l, 1l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £18.50. CSF: £14.83. 2min 34.79sec.

2.05 (5f) 1, NO MEAN CITY (A Mackay, 14-1); 2, Takadou (W R Swinburn, 12-1); 3, Gipsy Kid (J Lowe, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav My Gallery (5th), Domino Queen, 7 Tinker Osmaston (6th), 8 Dollar Gamble (4th), 12 Certificate-X, Zanzara, 14 Baskerville, 25 Cabcharge Princess, 33 Nordico Princess, Miriam. 13 ran. 1½l, ¾l, hd, 1½l, 1½l. A Bailey at Tarporley. Tote: £20.40; £4.80, £4.70, £1.90. DF: £138.60. CSF: £142.76. Tricast: £1,273.52. 1min 2.37sec.

2.35 (6f) 1, FIRST TRUMP (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Owington (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, Redoubtable (L Dettori, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Turtle Island (4th), 5 Watani, 15-2 Gneiss (6th), 12 Star Talent (5th), 20 Pinkerton's Pal. 8 ran. Hd, ¾l, 1l, 2½l, 2½l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £7.20; £1.90, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £15.20. CSF: £32.41. 1min 13.74sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, CHATOYANT (W R Swinburn, 5-1 fav); 2, American Swinger (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 3, Burooj (W Carson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Diskette (6th), 7 Lindon Lime, 15-2 Shiro, 10 Silverlocks (5th), 12 La Spezia (4th), Surprise Surprise, Brandonhurst, 25 Dodgy Dancer, Marco Magnifico, 100 Hotsocks. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1l, 1l, sh hd. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £6.40; £2.10, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £7.60. Trio: £123.60. CSF: £30.26. Tricast: £242.98. 2min 8.90sec.

3.40 (5f) 1, MY-O-MY (M Roberts, 11-1); 2, Splice (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 3, Blyton Lad (S Webster, 10-3 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 10-3 jt-fav Call Me I'm Blue (4th), 11-2 Surprise Offer (5th), 8 Sheila's Secret, 10 Sabre Rattler, Regal Chimes, 33 Saint Express (6th), 50 Anonymous. 10 ran. ¾l, nk, hd, 1l, 2½l. T Stack in Ireland. Tote: £11.60; £2.00, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £44.20. CSF: £65.79. 1min 0.81sec.

4.10 (7f) 1, DARNAY (L Dettori, 7-1); 2, River Deep (A Munro, 7-1); 3, Porphyrios (M Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-1 fav Rehlat Farah, 7 Lattam, 9 Bolas, Chocolat de Meguro (4th), 10 Desert Conqueror, William Tell (6th), 12 Irkutsk, 16 Triple Tie (5th), 20 Blushing Flame, Twisp, 25 Noblissima, 33 Glitterazzi, Winter Coat, 50 Access Adventurer, Corcovado, Czarna, Dance Turn, Decent Cove, Lucayan Cay, Lucky Tucky, Night In A Million, Sons Ecossaise, Tu Opes, Fleur De Tal, Sameonesque. 28 ran. NR: Dubai Falcon. Hd, 1½l, 1¾l, 3l, ½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £7.30; £3.70, £2.80, £14.90. DF: £41.90. CSF: £55.50. 1min 30.34sec.

4.40 (5f) 1, SASEEDO (J Williams, 14-1); 2, Dark Eyed Lady (L Dettori, 9-1); 3, Hotaria (A Culhane, 16-1); 4, Charity Express (M Wigham, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav First Option (6th), 15-2 Princess Oberon, Kildee Lad, 8 Jobie, Bold Street, 10 Domulla, Racing Telegraph, 12 Aragrove, Another Jade, 50 Fordelia, Joellise, Moujeeb (5th). 16 ran. 1¾l, 2l, nk, hd, nk. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £15.20; £2.30, £2.20, £3.80, £3.40. DF: £78.90. Trio: £665.60. CSF: £132.24. Tricast: £1,876.10. 1min 1.52sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £266,091.21 is carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £949.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: soft with heavy patches

1.50 (6f) 1, Wafayt (D Holland, 4-9 fav); 2, Cajun Cadet (10-1); 3, Bold Mick (25-1). 11 ran. NR: Purple Fling. 2½l, nk. J Gosden. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.00, £5.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.57.

2.20 (6f) 1, Sharpening (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Elevator Shaft (4-1); 3, Reminiscence (16-1). Champagne Girl 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 2l, sh hd. M Prescott. Tote: £10.00; £3.30, £2.20, £8.00. DF: £20.00. CSF: £39.41.

2.50 (5f) 1, Arzina (D Holland, 12-1); 2, Rankaidade (14-1); 3, Cool Edge (12-1). Callabonna 5-2 fav. 16 ran. 1½l, ¾l. B Hills. Tote: £15.40; £2.60, £2.80, £3.70. DF: £132.20. CSF: £167.42.

3.20 (7f) 1, Northern Celadon (K Rutter, 14-1); 2, Rose Ciel (25-1); 3, Lunar Mission (9-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Duello. ¾l, 2l. M Jarvis. Tote: £13.70; £3.60, £7.70, £2.70. DF: £34.50. CSF: £293.13. Tricast: £1,873.13.

3.50 (1m 6f) 1, Kamikaze (J Weaver, 10-1); 2, Fools Errand (9-2); 3, Edithmead (11-2). Quillon 11-4 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, 3l. L Cumani. Tote: £8.90; £3.20, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £37.40. CSF: £51.03.

4.20 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Rapporteur (Miss A Elsey, 100-30); 2, Rispoto (3-1 fav); 3, Mysterious Maid (13-2). 15 ran. NR: Charmed Life. 7l, 3l. C C Elsey. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £1.60, £3.00. DF: £5.90. CSF: £14.83.

4.50 (6f) 1, Rooftop Flyer (R Hills, 6-4 fav); 2, Shikaree (5-2); 3, Montiglino (5-2). 12 ran. 1½l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.57.

5.20 (7f) 1, Penny Banger (J Weaver, 6-1); 2, Ahjay (11-1); 3, Tartib (25-1). My Minnie 11-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Senor L'Amour. 10l, ½l. M Johnston. Tote: £8.10; £2.70, £4.30, £18.10. DF: £50.90. Trio: £538.90. CSF: £71.82. Tricast: £1,442.88. Placepot: £558.40.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm becoming good to soft

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Fuzzy Logic (C Llewellyn, 3-1); 2, Debacle (8-11 fav); 3, Oats N Barley (16-1). 5 ran. 7l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.62.

2.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Leotard (J Osborne, 100-30 fav); 2, Nahar (4-1); 3, Absent Relative (7-2). 8 ran. NR: Beauchamp Grace, Clurican. 6l, 2½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £9.80. Trio: £8.60. CSF: £15.39. Tricast: £41.34.

3.15 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Rocktor (J Frost, 4-1); 2, Far Senior (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Ru Valentino (100-30 jt-fav). 6 ran. 3½l, 8l. D Barons. Tote: £5.80; £2.10, £2.20. DF: £21.40. CSF: £16.01.

3.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Drumstick (N Williamson, 15-8 fav); 2, Space Fair (7-1); 3, Setter Country (7-1). 7 ran. ½l, 10l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £3.50. DF: £6.40. CSF: £13.23.

4.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Chief Raider (D Bentley, 7-1); 2, The Mrs (9-2); 3, Staunch Rival (5-2 jt-fav). Northern Village 5-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 12l, 25l. J Wade. Tote: £10.30; £2.10, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £23.40. CSF: £36.19. Tricast: £91.48.

4.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Gaelstrom (C Llewellyn, 8-11 fav); 2, Valiant Warrior (9-4); 3, Picketstone (14-1). 6 ran. 3½l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.60.

5.15 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Good Insight (M Berry, 15-2); 2, Bell One (6-1); 3, Flamewood (14-1). Solar Kestrel 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 2l, 12l. C Brooks. Tote: £11.30, £3.30, £2.60, £3.40. DF: £39.40. CSF: £53.91.

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Champion has little to gain and all to lose in defence of his title

Chance for Lewis to push Bruno off stage



David Miller assesses the risks and incentives that face two men as they go in search of glory

WHEN Frank Bruno stood up at his final pre-fight press conference this week to bow histrionically to the media audience, simultaneously mocking and self-demeaning, pantomime and boxing blended into one.

With all the carefully scripted jokes, with what was once upon a time genuine sincerity, now laundered into showbusiness schmaltz, you can no longer tell whether you are listening to Widow Twankey or a heavyweight contender. More likely the former, you increasingly suspect, and Bruno has only himself to blame.

Used first by the boxing impresarios, whose skilful selection of opponents raised him to a level of unrealistic expectation, both by himself and the public, Bruno's popularity was then exploited by the theatrical impresarios. Both experiences have benefited him financially, but not the latter his personality.

Here is not some radical champion of black equality, such as Muhammad Ali or Linford Christie, just a large, handsome, agreeable boxer who has maximised the benefits of primarily white patronage. For too many years, British followers of boxing have been willing to accept the hyperbole, the optimism of Bruno's handlers, that here at last was a successor to Bob Fitzsimmons. Early tomorrow morning, Lennox Lewis should terminate that speculation once and for all.

For 11 years, Bruno's reputation has hung upon the possibility that, on the few occasions when he has been allowed into the ring against an opponent of true ability, he might produce the one big punch that would land him at the rainbow's end. We, and Bruno, have been waiting in vain.

True, lesser opponents have been crushed as though they had wandered into the path of a tank, but never those who know, or had once known, how to box. Watching a boxer, you should look at the eyes as much as the fists. The eyes can convey everything. Whenever Bruno has found himself seriously attacked, his eyes have revealed that he does not know what to do or where to go.

They say that Bruno, never mind that at almost 32 he is four years older than Lewis, is now a smarter boxer. If by that is meant holding the opponent by the neck with one hand, or vigorous use of the elbows, maybe. However, Keith Morton, the aerobics specialist with whom Bruno has been training, will need to have worked wonders to provide his man with the swifter mobility of hand and foot that has been absent in 39 previous bouts.

Bruno's raking left jab and an improved short left hook, which was evident against Williams, will not be sufficient to trouble the WBC champion, who so impressively took the title last October from Donovan Ruddock at Earls Court. Lewis that night entered the ring with the eye of someone who knew exactly what he was about to do, down to the last detail. Not arrogance, just calculation. We have never seen such an assurance in Bruno; even on his better days.

The speed of Lewis's punching obliterated Ruddock within two rounds, and now he needs a victory of similar brevity if he is to retain his credibility. Prolonged bother in disposing of Bruno would undermine all he has achieved and diminish the prospect of victory in an eventual unified title meeting with Riddick Bowe, the "other" champion, who defends against Evander Holyfield in November and might finally accede to a meeting with Lewis next summer.

For Lewis, who is as measured and sensible in his comments as Holyfield, the former unified champion, the contest tonight offers no bonus beyond the purse. Unimaginable defeat would substantiate the view of those who expressed reservations about his 12-round defence against Tony Tucker in May and the scepticism about a title initially won without landing a punch (a title stripped from Bowe for non-defence). Victory will be dismissed as an unimportant stepping stone against an opponent lacking the mechanics to impose a tough examination.

Bruno's hope lies in the possibility that Lewis's injured right hand is not fully recovered after surgery. If I was Bruno, I would be more concerned about the risk of renewed eyesight damage all for the sake of his share of £1 million, which he could adequately survive without.

Frankly, I shall be surprised if the bout is any better than Wednesday's press conference was: a charade in which Panos Eliades, Lewis's backer, haltingly read from an excruciating prepared script which Frank Maloney, Lewis's five per cent manager, should have torn up as abruptly as he did the libel writ delivered on stage by Bruno's solicitor for the "Uncle Tom" allegations made in a newspaper this week. The conference was about as insubstantial as I expect the bout to be.

I have nothing personally against Bruno, nor against his making a fortune; though it is ironic to witness such a limited boxer collecting a million at a time when Henry Cooper, whose career was restricted only by the bone structure of his skull and a susceptibility to cuts, is being obliged to auction his memorabilia. I hope Bruno comes through unscathed now to live a comfortable life, but I find his acquired stage persona uncomfortable, being invited to laugh at him rather than with him.

Valerie Grove, page 19

Key: ko — knockout, rsc — referee stopped contest, dis — disqualification, pts — points, rtd — retired

Lennox Lewis
1989
bt Al Malcolm, ko 2
bt Bruce Johnson, rsc 2
bt Andy Gerrard, rsc 4
bt Steve Garber, ko 1
bt Melvin Epps, dis 2
bt Greg Gorrell, rsc 5
1990
bt Noel Quarless, rsc 2
bt Calvin Jones, ko 1
bt Mike Simuwelu, ko 1
bt Jorge Discola, ko 1
bt Dan Murphy, rsc 8
bt Ossie Ocasio, pts 8
bt Mike Acey, rsc 2
bt Jean Chanet, rsc 6
1991
bt Gary Mason, rsc 7
bt Mike Weaver, ko 6
bt Glenn McCrory, ko 2
bt Tyrell Biggs, rsc 3
1992
bt Levi Billups, pts 10
bt Derek Williams, rsc 3
bt Mike Dixon, rsc 4
bt Razor Ruddock, ko 2
1993
bt Tony Tucker, pts 12

Frank Bruno
1982
bt Lupe Guerra, ko 1
bt Harvey Steichen, rsc 2
bt Tony Stevenson, ko 1
bt Ron Gibbs, rsc 4
bt Tony Moore, rsc 2
bt George Scott, rsc 1
bt Al Lukaas, ko 2
bt Rudi Gauwa, ko 2
bt Georg Butzbach, rtd 1
bt Gilbert Acuna, rsc 1
1983
bt Stewart Lighgo, rtd 4
bt Peter Mulenowa, ko 3
bt Winston Allen, rsc 2
bt Eddie Neilson, rsc 3
bt Scott LeDoux, rsc 3
bt Barry Funches, rsc 5
bt Mike Jameson, ko 2
bt Bill Stanley, ko 1
bt Floyd Cummings, rsc 7
bt Walter Santemore, ko 4
1984
bt Juan Figueroa, ko 1
lost to Bonecrusher Smith, ko 10
bt Ken Lakusta, ko 2
bt Jeff Jordan, rsc 3
bt Philip Brown, pts 10
1985
bt Lucien Rodriguez, rtd 1
bt Anders Eklund, ko 4
bt Larry Frazier, ko 2
1986
bt Gerrie Coetzee, rsc 1
lost to Tim Witherspoon, rsc 11
1987
bt James Tillis, rsc 5
bt Chuck Gardner, rsc 1
bt Reggie Gross, rsc 8
bt Joe Bugner, rsc 8
1988
lost to Mike Tyson, rsc 5
1991
bt John Emmen, ko 1
1992
bt José Ribalta, ko 2
bt Pierre Coetzer, rsc 8
1993
bt Carl Williams, rsc 10



MARC ASPLAND

Bruno, the challenger who faces a final test of his credibility in Cardiff early tomorrow morning as he takes to the ring in his attempt to take the World Boxing Council heavyweight title away from Lewis

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

LEWIS		BRUNO
East London	Birthplace	Hammersmith
28	Age	31
6ft 4½in	Height	6ft 3½in
16st 5lb	Weight	17st
83in	Reach	82in
48in	Chest (normal)	46in
50in	Chest (expanded)	48in
16½in	Biceps	18in
14in	Forearms	15in
34in	Waist	34in
28in	Thigh	28in
17½in	Neck	18½in
17½in	Calf	16in
9½in	Ankle	9in
14in	Fist	14in
10in	Wrist	9in
23	Contests	39
23-0	Wins/losses	36-3
20	Stoppages	35
92	Rounds boxed	144

Time rolls on as bowlers see change resurface

By David Rhys Jones

SIR Francis Drake, it is safe to assume, would not approve. The world of bowls may never be the same again. Grass bowling greens, it seems, are set to give way to synthetic surfaces like the one unveiled recently at Lavender Park in the London Borough of Merton.

The very terminology of the game is threatened and not for the first time. In the name of progress, Drake's descendants, who have long since grown accustomed to using "woods" made from a phenol-formaldehyde resin, may in future have to roll them on "greens" made of polypropylene. Bowling on an artificial surface will not be a new experience for most bowlers. Carpets are laid indoors to allow the game to continue throughout the winter.

Outdoors, however, experiments with carpet have not been popular. More often than not the pace has been too quick and the run of the bowls affected by wind. This experiment has produced a surface similar to grass.

In its raw state the new material, looking for all the world like a greengrocer's window dressing, is magically turned into a bowling green by the application of sand so that only the tips of the blades of "grass" are visible.

Plenty of imagination has been used in the production of the surface but not, it seems, in the selection of a name. The new sacred turf is to be called Superior Grasse. The two-rink green at Merton plays at medium pace and takes a reasonably wide line.

Casting a critical eye over the development, and his woods up the rink, was the man who is known all over the world as Mr Bowls, David Bryant. Gritting his teeth, he frowned briefly as he despatched his bowl without the trace of a bump. Then tension evaporated and applause broke out to mark his obvious approval.

"It was fantastic," Bryant said. "It felt firm under the feet and looked just like the real thing. What is more, it played perfectly, too." Further reassurance comes from the World Bowls Board headquarters at Worthing and its secretary, David Johnson. "Things like pace, swing and levels need to be standardised and the Sports Research Institute in Nottingham is helping us define these at present," Johnson said.

"We have an open mind. If an artificial green can be produced that is as good as grass, we have no objection."

Bowls at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where there are at present no bowling greens, might well be played on an artificial surface.

Economics, as always, provides the bottom line and the new surface brings bad news for greenkeepers. Plastic may be just as expensive as grass to install, but is much easier to maintain. "All you have to do is roll it twice a week and keep it well brushed," the manufacturers say.

Laying a six-rink grass green costs around £55,000, but the cost of maintaining one is, at a conservative estimate, somewhere between £7,000 and £8,000 a year. The marginally greater cost of installing the new surface — £70,000 including roller and automatic sprinklers — would be soon offset by the savings on greenkeeping.

Pressure mounts on laid-back Parrott

IF, AS is almost universally accepted, a relaxed frame of mind is a snooker asset, then John Parrott appears to be well equipped for a third successive triumph in the Dubai Duty Free Classic, which gets under way at the Al Nasr stadium today (Phil Yates writes).

Parrott, the world No 2, was beaten 6-4 by Ken Doherty, the eventual winner, in the quarter-finals of the Regal Masters last week but he has already shown his customary liking for overseas tournaments this season.

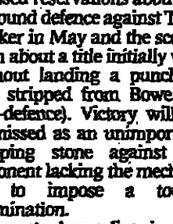
Four weeks ago, Parrott won 14 of his 18 frames in leading an England trio to victory at the inaugural Crown Prince Cup in Bangkok. It was not the first time that he had excelled on foreign soil; in fact, the Liverpudlian has captured seven of his nine titles outside Britain.

Although Parrott is undoubtedly confident, he is also under pressure, having had a relatively fruitless run in ranking tournaments since reaching the final of November's United Kingdom championship.

Parrott, who beat Stephen Hendry 9-8 on the black in the final here last year, begins the defence of his title today against Chris Scanlon, a promising 18-year-old Londoner based in Amsterdam.

Hendry, the world champion and winner of the Dubai Classic in both 1989 and 1990, faces Anthony Hamilton, of Nottingham, in the first round. Jimmy White takes on Alain Robidoux.

East End evening out among the fancy



FREUD ON FRIDAY

York Hall is the sort of venue where the Brunos of British boxing — also the Benns, Eubanks, Honeyghans and Masons — began. It is in Bethnal Green, whence socially ambitious folk move when things begin to go well and to which boxers return regardless of what happens.

The hall seats 1,100 . . . and rather as the advent of Wimbledon causes an upsurge in trade at local tennis courts so did tomorrow's big fight in Cardiff cause the crowds to flock to Tuesday's Matchroom Boxing bill — "proudly presenting the southern area light-heavyweight championship and supporting bill".

York Hall has a bar dispensing the coldest lager in East London and a food counter where Cornish pasties and cottage pies are served on willow pattern paper plates. The fans are the sort of people you would want to ask home to high tea: friendly, sober, considerate, knowledgeable about sport. Barely 20 per cent smoke, men outnumber women by ten to one.

At each corner of the ring stands a yellow-shirted security man. The four sides are occupied respectively by Eurosport television commentators, Rent-a-British-Boxing-Board-of-Control-officials in dinner jackets, one of them with a bell, the others there to help; this would be a lovely job for me when I grow up.

They are faced by press photographers and opposite the TV camera sits the impressario, Barry Hearn, and his ringside guests.

Everyone seems to know everyone else, also their jobs, their wives and their current form. If this is not the best club in the land it is every bit as good as the House of Commons, easier to get into also.

The evening started with a cruiserweight bout between Chris Okoh and Steve Osborn. Okoh, unbeaten in his first two fights, heavier and with a longer reach than his opponent continued the run — proof of the apothegm that a bad big 'un usually beats a bad little 'un.

There is a deal of serious back-seat driving from the crowd: "Hit him in the face all night" is the most common counsel; "be long" is another recommendation, shouted loudly and frequently by a man who may have been Okoh's stockbroker.

I liked Bernard "the punching postman" Paul: handsome, compact, punches his weight and has a fervent supporter who waves her arms in the air and chants "Bernie, Bernie" each time the lad lands a punch, which he does frequently; it cannot have been a lot of fun for the people sitting behind her.

His opponent, Dean Bramhald, of Doncaster, was contesting his 139th pro fight. It is a mark of the overall decency of the sport at this level that causes the master of ceremonies to announce "Dean has won 41 times", keeping stumm about the fact that he has lost 98. Bernie won again; he has a good right hook, needs to work on his left. Bramhald, who owns hairdressers' shops in Yorkshire, looked done for at the end of the first, was coming back strongly when the eight-round fight ended. Experience tells.

It was during the heavyweight bout between Scott Welch, who is one of Barry Hearn's live title hopes, and Gipsy Carmen, who comes from Norfolk, is over the hill and did not last long, that I noticed the girl who holds up the card denoting the number of the round to come: a vision of loveliness from her high-heeled black patent leather shoes to the tip of her platinum hair, between which extremities her impeccable curves were adorned by red shorts and a white blouse. She sat under a neutral corner by her doting husband who watched her slip between the ropes, passed her the number board and luxuriated in the whistles of appreciation of his consort's beauty. After her proud circuit he then held her hand as she descended the steps and helped her back to her seat. The fact that there was an age difference of two score years made the relationship even more touching, gave it a Polonius and Juliet quality.

When the joy of the intervals gives such good cause for wanting fights to go the distance, it was a blow to witness Mr Carmen sink to his feet in the third round and even more cruel to observe the light-heavyweight championship bout end in the sixth: technical knockout by the challenger, depriving us of four one-minute performances by the vision of loveliness.

Garry Delaney, who thus deprived Glazz Campbell of his title, is clearly a man to watch: he carries an explosive punch in either hand, wears one blue and one brown boot and West Ham United Football Club's colours on his trunks. He galvanised the crowd to a passion of vocal support. Behind me, half-a-dozen experts were shouting technical instructions: "take your time" after he had scored with a substantial left hook. "Be first, Garry," when Campbell shook him with an uppercut.

Meanwhile, two women just sat and shouted "Garry, Garry" at the tops of their voices and the vision of loveliness, the while, sat below the neutral corner, smiling at her man, combing her long flaxen hair.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (19159)
7.00 Breakfast News (61749468)
9.05 King Of the Road. Includes a bird's eye view of police on the trail of stolen vehicles (s) (5867791)
9.30 Labour Live. Coverage of the last day of the Labour party conference in Brighton (s) (82371)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4898517) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7520555) **10.30 Bunyip** (r) (s) (6558371)
10.35 Labour Live. The closing session of the conference, presented by Vivian White, Sheena McDonald and Jon Sopel (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (84617468) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (23111265)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (46130)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (66407062) **1.50 Going For Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (66418178)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. (Ceefax) (s) (9862807) **3.00 Wines Of the World.** A look at the growth in popularity of New Zealand wines. Narrated by Derek Cooper (2555)
3.30 Cartoon Triple Bill (5458943) **3.50 Philbert the Frog** (1250468) **4.00 The Little Green Planet Show** (s) (3824178) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3117536) **4.35 Record Breakers.** Includes the world's smallest violin. (Ceefax) (s) (6420062)
5.00 Newsround (2372913) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode six (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1348246)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (829710). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (10)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (62)
7.00 Every Second Counts. Against the clock game show (s) (4536). **Wales:** Index 1900
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report from Germany on a new process to preserve stained glass. There is also news of a solar-powered lawn mower. (Ceefax) (s) (46)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Game show for family couples. (Ceefax) (s) (2265)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4517)
9.30 Film: Another 48 Hours (1990) starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte. In this sequel to the wisecracking thriller *48 Hours*, Reggie Hammond is released at the same time as rogue cop Jack Cates is given 48 hours to find enough evidence to arrest a drugs baron. Directed by Walter Hill. (Ceefax) (471913). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.20 Film: Another 48 Hours 11.50-1.15am Film: Horror Express
11.05 Dr Terror's Vault of Horror begins with **Horror Express** (1972) starring Boris Karloff, Peter Cushing and Telly Savalas. In 1907, a British explorer in China discovers a frozen anthropoid monster. On the train journey home the beast thaws out and causes panic on the Trans-Siberian Express. Directed by Eugenio Martin (933642)

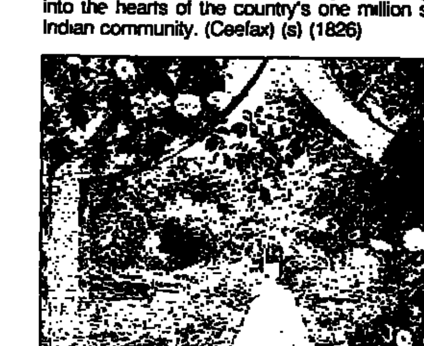


Grave-diggers Price and Lorre (12.30am)

12.30am Film: Comedy of Terrors (1964) starring Vincent Price, Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre. An undertaker drums up business by helping prospective customers to an early grave. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (5705918) **1.50 Weather**

BBC2

6.45 Open University (7652791)
8.00 Breakfast News (9049130)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Removing chewing gum from a rug (r). (Ceefax) (4871420) **8.20 Come Lasses and Lads.** Reading Schools' Music Festival of 1972 (r) (5972888)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes, plus, for children, **1.20** Fingermouse (83860401) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (78587371)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (25670514) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (88395807) **2.15 Jumpcuts.** OU programmes preview (r) (15425307) **2.20 In the Garden.** Planting bulbs for spring (r) (88305284) **2.35 Master Craftsmen.** Glass engravers (r) (3836555) **2.50 A Week To Remember** (b/w). Archive Pathé newsclips (r) (4767587)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9177246) **3.05 The Candid Image of Dr Erich Solomon.** A profile of the man who made candid photography an art form (7078913) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1241710)
4.00 Film: Undercover (1983) starring Genevieve Picot and John Walton. Comedy, set in 1920s Australia, about the fast-changing women's underwear business. Directed by David Stevens (20265)
5.30 Top Gear (r) (s) (9)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. (Ceefax) See Choice (220791)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spoof secret agent adventures. (Ceefax) (598791)
7.15 O-Zone. The Pet Shop Boys talk about their new album *Very* (s) (822536)
7.45 What the Papers Say with David Rose of *The Observer* (122265)
8.00 East. The second of two films examines why South Africa's move towards democracy is striking fear into the hearts of the country's one million strong Indian community. (Ceefax) (s) (1826)



Exterior design by Nancy Lancaster (8.30pm)

8.30 An Englishwoman's Garden. (Ceefax) See Choice (7343)
9.00 The Look. Marketing techniques in the fashion world (r) (109352)
9.50 Animated Arias. "Avec la garde montante" from Bizet's *Carmen*, sung by Les Petits Chanteurs a la Croix de Bois, and "Un bel di vedremo" from Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, sung by Felicia Weathers (s) (886772)
10.00 KYTV. Satirical comedy set in a satellite television station (s) (41536)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (536178)
11.15 That Was the Week That Was (b/w). Frankie Howerd wows the studio audience (311081)
12.00 Weather (4769753)
12.05am Rock Docs: Stevie Wonder – Inner Visions. A documentary made during the singer's 1980 American tour (r) (1020376). Ends at **1.05**

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CHOICE

An Englishwoman's Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

Since she was born in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, Nancy Lancaster is hardly English but she is a gardener and she has lived here since 1915. She is remarkable for her social connections, niece of Nancy Astor and friend of Cecil Beaton, her huge hats and her longevity. She is 95 and this is her first television interview. She has presided over some splendid gardens in her time, always matching them to the personality of the house. Once she "could not wait to get my hands on the dirt". Now she is in a wheelchair and her butler gets up early to record the bird song for her to hear at breakfast. Her other passion is interior design, pursued through a long association with the Mayfair firm of Colefax and Fowler.

She's Gotta Have It
Channel 4, 11.40pm

Continuing the season of films by American independents, Spike Lee's feature debut sees him as director, writer and star. He plays one of three potential suitors of Nola Darling (Tracy Camila Johns), a free spirit who is addicted to sex but shrinks from permanent relationships. Lee, the eternal adolescent, is competing with the caring Tommy Redmond Hicks and John Canada Terrell's arrogant model. It is a sharp and uninhibited comedy, notable for its all-black cast and the freshness of its treatment. What the film lacks in depth it makes up for in energy and is a remarkable achievement for a 12-day shoot and a tiny budget. Bill Lee, the director's father, contributes an excellent jazz score.



Puppet heroics with Captain Scarlet (BBC2, 6.00pm)

Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons
BBC2, 6.00pm

After *Thunderbirds* and *Stingray*, both recently revived on this channel, comes another piece of puppet nostalgia from the fertile team of Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. A lookalike of the actor James Garner, Captain Scarlet made his first appearance in 1967. He is a citizen, however, of the 21st century. He works for Spectrum, a security organisation dedicated to saving the world from a race of Martians. It is engaging, simple-minded fun but perhaps not quite in the *Thunderbirds* class. Nothing should be read into the fact that the hero's boss is a Colonel White and the villain a Captain Black. There was no such thing as political correctness in the 1960s. Besides, the show does have two black characters. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Sean Blowers and John Alford from the cast of *London's Burning* (6129826)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show (s) (5863975) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7506975)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (1581284)
10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (87429265) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2607975)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (4751623)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4769642) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (32911975) **1.55 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (66402517)
2.20 News headlines (94275064) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (35625505)
2.30 Capital Woman. Includes Tessa Sanderson testing sports clothing (s) (49) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (7623)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4751197) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1249352) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (r) (1245536) **4.00 Astro Farm** (r) (Teletext) (s) (2609159) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (s) (3101975) **4.40 Knightmare** (s) (6097468)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1808197)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (437888)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes Patricia Routledge talking about her new play *Mr and Mrs Nobody*, at Windsor Theatre. (Teletext) (63246)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show (9604)

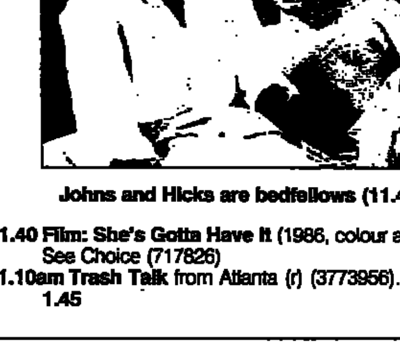


Home truths for Anne Kirkbride, right (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre (Anne Kirkbride) and Ken are put out when they discover that daughter Tracy is living with boyfriend Craig. With Dawn Acton and Kieran O'Brien. (Teletext) (2)
8.00 You Bet! Celebrity charity challenge introduced by Matthew Kelly (s) (7333)
9.00 Missing. The second of three programmes trying to track down people who have gone missing. Presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (7197)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (38062) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (378246)
10.40 The London Programme. An investigation into the source of firearms that have contributed to the huge increase in their criminal use (869807)
11.10 Tour of Duty. Vietnam war drama series (r) (703913)
12.05am Dial Midnight. Phone-in entertainment including a lonely hearts' line. The studio guests include Ben Elton, Steve Coogan and Phil Kay (s) (1017802)
1.05 The ITV Chart Show (s) (6532078)
2.10 Whale On. Music, competitions and a discussion dominated by James Whale (3018531)
3.10 The Big Bull. Five young people talk about a topical subject (22800289)
3.15 TXT. Chat show hosted by Rhona Cameron (7543531)
4.20 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9003918)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (57598)
5.30 ITN Early Morning News with Phil Roman (39531)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon series about a cat (5127352) **6.45 Wowser.** Animated adventures of a dog and his chums (8593246)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (69081)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (55739)
9.30 Schools (941468)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: Ground Squirrels. A portrait of gophers and marmots, among others, squirrel-type animals that prefer terra firma to trees (35975)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning entertainment. The guest is actor Danny Glover (r) (98623) **1.30 The Bluffers.** Animated adventures of forest-dwelling creatures (r) (72486642)
1.55 Table Tennis. A short about the grace of the game (r) (66419807)
2.15 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.25 (*Racing Post* Claiming Stakes), 2.55 (Charles Wells Eagle Bitter Stakes), 3.25 (Somerville Tattersall Stakes) and 3.55 (Main Reef Stakes). Plus the latest news from Longchamp, the scene of Sunday's Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (367739)
4.15 Countdown. The tenth final of the words and numbers game, introduced by Richard Whiteley. The contestants include 11-year-old Andrew Perry. (Teletext) (s) (6305130)
5.00 Defenders Of the Wild. The first of three programmes profiling people protecting wildlife, beginning with José Palazzo who heads a team of volunteers patrolling Brazil's Taim Nature Reserve, fighting the illegal fur trade and the hunters of rare birds and animals (r). (Teletext) (6517)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (20)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (72)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (9555)
8.00 Class Action. Includes an investigation into how well supply agencies vet the teachers they send into schools (6994)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (5401)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs are in the Vale of Evesham to find out about the latest ways of growing fruit. (Teletext) (5505)
9.30 Cheers. A vintage episode of the Boston bar comedy starring Ted Danson and Shelley Long (r). (Teletext) (66333)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s) (36604)
10.30 Paul Merton – The Series. More comedy from the dead-pan funnyman. (Teletext) (s) (817555)
11.05 Eurotrash. Alternative Euro-culture series presented by Antoine De Caunes and Jean-Paul Gaultier. This week's edition includes a report from the set of the film *Emmanuelle Seven*, starring Sylvia Kristel, and music from the band Leningrad Cowboys (678888) (s)



Johns and Hicks are bedfellows (11.40pm)

11.40 Film: She's Gotta Have It (1986, colour and b/w). See Choice (717826)
1.10am Trash Talk from Atlanta (r) (3773956). Ends at **1.45**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Adrian Love **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** My Music (r) **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Brian Dee at the piano **9.30** Listen to the Band: The BNFL Band under Richard Evans **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: See Choice **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Primary Geography Castries, St Lucia, **9.15** Playtime, **9.30** Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About Infant Assemblies; **10.00** Music Workshop Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Sporting Albums: Lennox Lewis **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Starting Out with Terry, by Jim Eldridge **7.15** Lively Stories: The Great Mushroom Mistake **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Hair in the Gate **10.00** The Big Fight, including at **10.10** The Set Up (r). See Choice **11.40** Rave Countdown to the World Title Fight **12.40am** World Title Fight: Lennox Lewis v Frank Bruno

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** The Green Baize Jungle **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** The Tunesmiths **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The Green Baize Jungle **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** Music Review **5.00** News **5.10** British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** British News **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seeing Stars **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** the Vintage Chart Show **5.00** World News **5.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Ravel (Piano Concerto for the Left Hand. Pascal Rogé; Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Walton (Coronation Music); Elgar (Coronation Ode) **10.00** Sarah Ward **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (66402517) **2.30-3.00** A Little Piece Of Heaven (49) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (1808197) **6.00** Home And Away (224517) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (214352) **10.30** Anglia News (392826) **10.45** Film: Three Days Of The Condor (87219420) **12.55am** Pop Profile (9480294) **1.05** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** Raw Power (3019260) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7807005) **4.00** Get Wet (91579) **4.30** Riviera (55611192) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2723956)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55-2.20** Shortland Street (66402517) **2.30** Material World (49) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (7623) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1808197) **6.00** Home And Away (224517) **6.25-7.00** Central News (214352) **10.30** Central News (378246) **10.40** Central Weekend (1715555) **12.10am** Secret Of The Sahara (3852314) **1.15** Whale On (825869) **2.15** The Best (809821) **3.15** Entertainment U.K. (805005) **4.15** Jobfinder (7087395) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8829173)

GRANADA
As London except: **2.30** Granada Action (49) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (7623) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (1808197) **6.00** Home And Away (78) **6.30** Granada Tonight (587823) **6.55-7.00** Kick Off (353888) **10.30** Granada News (378246) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (659468) **11.35** Film: Men Of The Dragon (Jared Martin, Katie Saylor, Robert Ito) (324265) **12.55am** Night Shift (9480294) **1.05** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** Raw Power (3019260) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7807005) **4.00** Get Wet (91579) **4.30** Riviera (55611192) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2723956)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (66402517) **2.30-3.30** Life Goes On (66826) **6.00** HTV News & Weather (78) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (30) **10.40** Film: 11th Victim (Bess Armstrong, Max Gail, Harold Gould) (98846325) **12.25am** New Candid Camera (4944956) **12.50** The Twilight Zone: Examination Day (4335145) **1.05** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** Raw Power (3019260) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7807005) **4.00** Get Wet (91579) **4.30** Riviera (55611192) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2723956)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.00** Wales At Six (78) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (30) **10.30** HTV Wales Headlines (378246) **10.40** The Big Story (869807) **11.10** Married ..With Children (753913) **11.40-1.05pm** Film: Secret Witness (David Rasche, Paul LeMat, Leif Phoenix) (305130)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **2.30** Take The High Road (49) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (7623) **5.37-5.40** The Listings (942401) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (63246) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (378246) **10.40** Married...With Children (869807) **11.10** Film: Brannigan (320975) **1.10am** Whale On (6347294) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8246482) **2.40** Raw Power (5622289) **3.40** Cue The Music (3678260) **4.30-5.00** The Art Of The Landscape (86598)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (66402517) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (7697468) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (141807) **6.30-7.00** Up Country (30) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (378246) **10.40** Conference Express (869807) **11.10** Film: The Night Visitor (330352) **1.05am** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** The Big E (3038395) **3.00** Film: The Goldwyn Follies (86869) **5.00-5.30** Get Wet (57598)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55-2.20** The Sullivans (66402517) **2.30** Gardener's Diary (49) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (7623) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (63245) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (378246) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (659468) **11.35** Love And War (501772) **12.05am** The War Of The Worlds (1036937) **1.00** My Story (7030260) **1.05** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** Raw Power (3019260) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7807005) **4.00** Get Wet (91579) **4.30** Riviera (55611192) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2723956)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (66402517) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (7697468) **5.55** Calendar (141807) **6.30-7.00** Parish Pump (30) **10.30** Calendar News (378246) **10.40** Married...With Children (869807) **11.10** Film: The Night Visitor (330352) **1.05am** Whale On (5997753) **2.05** The Big E (3038395) **3.00** Film: The Goldwyn Follies (86869) **5.00-5.30** Get Wet (57598)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (69081) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (55739) **9.30** Schools (941468) **12.00pm** Bobobobs (35975) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (86197) **1.00** The Blenheim International (6596081) **1.45** Class Action (296062) **2.15** Channel 4 Racing (441420) **4.10** Slot 23 (3532994) **5.00** Trash Talk (2410) **5.30** Countdown (97) **6.00** News (323352) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (576517) **6.25** Hano (212994) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7246) **7.30** Dyma Dafydd Iwan (37536) **8.30** Newyddion (5401) **9.00** Concerto! (5739) **10.00** Brookside (36604) **10.30** Paul Merton (817555) **11.05** Eurotrash (752284) **11.35** Film: She's Gotta Have It (364604)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (66757979) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (7889401) **9.10** Cartoons (6494265) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (15623) **10.00** Card Sharks (7221505) **10.25** Concentration (5669555) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44474) **12.00** E Street (75517) **12.30pm** Three's Company (26739) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (14994) **2.00** Roots: The Next Generation (6487555) **2.55** Another World (8137352) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5093739) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8517) **6.00** Games World (9739) **6.30** E Street (3791) **7.00** Rescue (9246) **7.30** Full House (9975) **8.00** World Wrestling Federation Mania (57623) **9.00** Code 3 (28623) **9.30** Crime International (25325) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (47246) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (96159)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (8084642) **9.30** ABC Nightline (84517) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (66623) **11.30** Japan Business Today (86265) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (77739) **1.30** CBS This Morning (78468) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (88062) **3.30** ABC Nightline (97081) **4.30** World News and Business Report (6898) **5.00** Live at Five (6159) **7.30** Optional Earth (17062) **9.30** Talkback (22826) **11.30** CBS Evening News (91265) **1.30am** Optional Earth (13260) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (90208) **3.30** Talkback (95753) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (64482) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (86463)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5868739)
10.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (1991): The dim-witted hero breaks an ancient spell and unleashes an evil creature. With Jim Varney and Eartha Kitt (20555)
12.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951, b/w): John Howard Davies stars as the Rugby scholar (78468)
1.30pm Lord Jim (1964): Adaptation of Joseph Conrad's novel about a 19th-century sailor who is branded a coward. With Peter O'Toole and James Mason (486081)
4.00 The Great Santini (1979): Robert Duvall as a decorated marine battling with his son on the home front (3449)
6.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (as 10am) (66635642) **7.40 Us Top Ten** (132517)
8.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991): Arnold Schwarzenegger returns as the futuristic cyborg (83798284)
10.15 Homicide (1991): David Mamet's stylish thriller stars Joe Mantegna as a policeman investigating anti-Semitism in Baltimore (982623)
12.15am Out for Justice (1991) Steven Seagal and William Forsythe as rivals on the streets of Brooklyn (989208)
1.50 The Heart of the Lie (1992): Fact-based drama about a policewoman who is imprisoned for the murder of her husband's former wife. With Lindsay Frost (524821)
3.45 Opportunity Knocks (1990): Comedy starring Dana Carvey of *Wayne's World* as a con artist posing as a house-sitter (608579). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Caine Mutiny (1954). Adaptation of Herman Wouk's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel starring Humphrey Bogart (13613081)
8.05 A Star Is Born (1976): Barbra Streisand sings the Oscar-winning song "Evergreen" in this drama about a doomed love affair between a celebrity couple. With Kris Kristofferson (80634604)
10.25 The Great Northfield Minnesota Train Raid (1972): Western about the Cole Younger-Jesse James robbery (5682517). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am If I Were King (1938, b/w): Comedy about a roguish French poet in a battle of wits with King Louis XI. With Ronald Colman and Basil Rathbone (16772)
8.00 Little Heroes: A girl from a poor family endears herself to her rich neighbours when she carries out a heroic rescue (5653468)
9.25 The Odyssey (1987): Cartoon version of Homer's classical myth (1768046)
10.25 Reign of Terror (1949). Sumptuous adventure set during the French Revolution. With Robert Cummings (92736352)
12.00 The Brave Little Toaster (1987). Cartoon adventure (87913)
2.00pm Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic slant on *Hamlet* stars Gary Oldman and Tim Roth (69468)
4.00 Little Heroes (as 8am) (2742197)
5.25 The Odyssey (as 9.25am) (2124536)
6.25 If the Shoe Fits (1990): Romance with Jennifer Grey and Rob Lowe (92650352)
8.00 Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (1991). Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter meet the Grim Reaper. With William Sadler (83797826)
10.15 Point Break (1991). Surfing and sky-diving combine in this exhilarating thriller as Keanu Reeves investigates a series of bank robberies. With Patrick Swayze (84655352)
12.20am The Lightning Incident (1991): A woman discovers that the devil wants her baby. With Nancy McKeon (962531)
1.55 Dead Solid Perfect (1988). Romantic comedy on the golf circuit. With Randy Quaid and Kathryn Harrold (402260)
3.35 The Hand (1981): Oliver Stone's menacing thriller stars Michael Caine as a cartoonist whose hand is severed in an accident (36050127). Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (2352197) **7.15** Prime Bodies (548505) **7.45** NHRA Drag Racing Today (998046) **8.15** Soccer News (1179975) **8.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (61913) **9.00** Prime Bodies (52265) **9.30** The Boot Room (35265) **10.30** Motor Racing: Portuguese Grand Prix (17371) **11.30** Best of British Motorsport (13333) **12.30pm** Australian Rules Football (95159) **1.30** American Sports Cavalcade (96888) **2.30** French Football League (39710) **3.30** Gillette World Sports Special (2284) **4.00** Boots 'n' All (48401) **5.00** The Boot Room (1307) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (91842) **7.00** The Big League: Featherstone Rovers v St Helens (746975) **9.30** Ringside Special: Lennox Lewis v Frank Bruno (6185371) **2.00-3.00am** Sky Soccer Weekend (33227)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (28772) **8.00** Equestrian: Three-Day Event from Burghley (53710) **9.00** Mountainbike Review (27604) **10.00** Judo World Championship (57284) **11.00** European Cup Football (99975) **12.30pm** Motors Magazine (13555) **1.30** Tennis: ATP Tour Highlights (77062) **2.00** Tennis: WTA Ladies Tournament (276826) **5.00** International Motorsport Magazine (8913) **6.00** Motorcycling Grand Prix Magazine (3536) **6.30** Eurosport News (4888) **7.00** Volleyball: Ladies European Championship (784371) **8.30** American Football (98555) **10.00** Boxing: Alexandre Zolkin v Mike Hunter (53333) **12.00** Judo World Championship (21550) **12.30-1.00am** News (91821)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (3767888) **7.30** Neighbours (3779623) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8945913) **8.30** EastEnders (8944284) **9.00** The Bill (8935536) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5839420) **10.30** Casualty (7798333) **11.30** Rhoda (3018604) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8915772) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5855826) **1.00** EastEnders (3766159) **1.30** The Bill (5854197) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8097159) **2.30** Bread (8604542) **3.00** Dallas (3012420) **4.00** Dynasty (3031555) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8011739) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6675130) **6.00** Neighbours (6605371) **6.30** EastEnders (6696623) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7869826) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (8000623) **8.30** Bread (8089130) **9.00** Casualty (7658710) **10.00** The Bill (8916401) **10.30** Rory Bremner (8932448) **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1977 (3032284) **11.30** Dr Who (7052062) **12.15am** Film: Bedlam (1946, b/w): Boris Karloff governs an 18th-century insane asylum (25135005) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (18397937)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (40081) **7.00** Mr Bogus (3669642) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (6776062) **8.30** Widget (76523) **9.00** Jack In the Box (81352) **11.00** Stories Without Words (97791) **11.30** Say Ahhh! Including 3-2-1 Contact (98420) **12.00** Fame (80212) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (92468) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (3871772) **3.25** RatKan II (2645246) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (4604) **4.30-5.00** Runaway Bay (2848)

NICKELODEON
7.00 Dawn Patrol (52739) **7.30** Guts (31246) **8.00** Kid's Court (60284) **8.30** Wild Side Show (69555) **9.00** We All Have Tales (50607) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (87449) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (14081) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (49791) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (65791) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (11975) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (81265) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (44710) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (80536) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (8772) **2.30** Nick Jr Story Time (8061) **3.00** Kablooey (7807) **3.30** Out of Control (6046) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (9333) **4.30** Hey Dude (5517) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2352) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (9197) **6.00** Guts (9710) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (6802)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Nature by Profession (3039197) **5.00** Search for Adventure (8098888) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2654997) **6.50** Only in Hollywood (8270975) **7.00** Wild Sanctuaries: Greenland (8099517) **7.30** The Global Family (6890449) **8.00** Around Whicker's World (7843888) **9.00** Biography: Groucho Marx (2827401) **9.55** Anne Martin's Postcards: The Dominican Republic (1095623) **10.00** Stone Monkey (8947371) **10.30** The Story of Rock 'n' Roll (8923791) **11.00-12.00** Hollywood (3774178)

BRAVO
12.00 Film: How the West Was Won (1962): Henry Hathaway's epic western stars Debbie Reynolds and Gregory Peck (9319791) **2.30pm** Family Lies (6899710) **3.00** Bonanza (3014888) **4.00** The New Honeymooners (6880062) **4.30** I Spy (9002772) **5.30** Honey West (6600826) **6.00** The Doris Day Show (6607739) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (6881791) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (8019371) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (6887975) **8.00** Film: Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round (1966): James Coburn masterminds a bank robbery. Harrison makes his film debut as a hotel bellboy (7834130) **10.00** Film: The Brain Eaters (1958, b/w) (55690062) **11.05-12.00** Film: A Home of Your Own (1965, b/w): Comedy with Ronnie Barker and Richard Briers (2565468)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (2386284) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8494371) **8.30** Living Daylights (8493642) **9.00** Divorce Court (8484994) **9.30** Hot Topics (5923246) **10.00** Fighting Back (3236333) **10.30** Living Extra (8480178) **11.00** Room for Change (1243159) **11.30** John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate (1244888) **12.00** Practical Living (35410468) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7438975) **1.00** Crosswits (6023352) **1.30** Infatuation (5926333) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3237062) **3.00** Agony Hour (1248604) **4.00** Crosswits (7804913) **4.30** Infatuation (7800197) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (9847333) **6.00** The Full Treatment (7881062) **6.30** Floyd on Food (7805642) **7.00** Agony Hour (3682772) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3691420) **9.00** Film. An Angel on My Shoulder (1980): Fantasy with Peter Strauss (3601807) **11.00** Divorce Court (1268468) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3232517) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (2335192)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (1642) **5.30** The Wonder Years (4468) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (4081) **6.30** Catchphrase (5333) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8178) **7.30** All Clued Up (1517) **8.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (46555) **9.00** Film: Those She Left Behind (18284) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (91178) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (89772) **11.30** Newhart (77159) **12.00** Lou Grant (62482)

MTV
7.00am Awake on the Wild Side (782062) **10.00** VJ Marijne (34371) **12.00** Greatest Hits (98197) **2.00pm** VJ Simone (27420) **4.00** Beavis and Butthead (6062) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (6192449) **4.45** At the Movies (6180604) **5.00** News (8094913) **5.15** 3 from 1 (5958333) **5.30** Dial MTV (6826) **6.00** The Pulse (3739) **6.30** Music Non-Stop (50468) **8.00** In Search of Madonna (9284) **8.30** Most Wanted (21888) **10.00** Greatest Hits (38638) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (985710) **11.15** At the Movies (975333) **11.30** News (239178) **11.45** 3 from 1 (227333) **12.00** Beavis and Butthead (53444) **12.30am** VJ Marijne (95668) **2.00** Chill Out Zone (73869) **3.00-6.00** Night Videos (7308821)

TV ASIA
8.00am Asian Morning (8503212) **9.30** Sangchoor (52333) **10.30** Lifestyle (46807) **11.30** TVA and U (92246) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (76505) **12.30pm** Khirkiyan (10791) **1.00** Pakistani Film (348842) **4.00** Kiddie Time (15197) **5.00** TVA Dedicated To You (4975) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime With TV Asia (88517) **8.00** English News (194642) **8.15** ID Youth (667130) **9.00** Hindi Film: Tamacha (894246) **12.05am** Sat N Live (4734802) **1.00** Hindi Film: Jaag Utha Insaan (2268956) **4.00** Maandi (16669) **5.00** Hanstay Bastay (60424) **5.30** Music (35753)

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Death and Dying **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Rossini (String Sonata in G); Purcell (Blow up the Trumpet in Sion); Sibelius (Scene with Cranes, Op 44 No 2); Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191); Handel (Tormani a vagheggiar, Alcina); Stravinsky (Shrovetide Fair, Petrushka)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky. King of the Stars (Berlin Radio Symphony Chorus and Orchestra); Piano Sonata (Charles Rosen); Capriccio (Philippe Entremont, piano; Columbia SO); Mass (Westminster Cathedral Choir; City of London Sinfonia)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Artist of the Week: Rafael Kubelik. Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, Prague, K504); Bedrich Weber (Sextet in F); Martinů (Kytice, Bouquet of Flowers); Janáček (Sinfonietta)
12.00 Brahms and Grieg Songs: Anne Sofie von Otter, soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano, Nils-Erik Sparf, viola, perform Brahms (Eight Gypsy Songs, Op 103; Two Songs, Op 91); Grieg (Haughtussa) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Maurice Bourgue, oboe, Colette King, piano, perform Antal Dorati (Duo Concertante); Paul Mefano (A Sahl); Messiaen (Vocalise-Etude); Lutoslawski (Epitaph); Britten (Temporal Variations)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain under Adrian Brown performs Philip Sparke (Sinfonietta No 2); Ingolf Dahl (Saxophone Concerto: John Harle, alto saxophone); Stephen Dodgson (Bandwagon); Berlioz (Grande symphonie funèbre et triomphale)
3.45 John McCabe, piano, plays Byrd (Lord Willoughby's Welcome Home; Fifth Pavan and Galliard; Sellinger's Round); Edward Gregson (Sonata in One Movement); Ireland (Sonatina) (r)
4.30 The Hills of Nepal: Carol Tingey presents music recorded in Nepalese mountain villages (r)
5.00 In Tune, presented by David Owen Norris
7.30 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra: Live from the Barbican Hall, London. Libor Pesek conducts Dvořák (The Wood Dove, Op 10); Mahler (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen: with Dagmar Peckova, mezzo). **8.10** Fairytales and Flags. Karel Janovicky assesses the impact of the 19th-century folklorist Karel J. Erben. **8.30** Dvořák (Symphony No 6 in D)
9.25 Young Poets – Maura Dooley: A selection of new poems, including "Sarajevo Night" and "Biography"
9.35 Jonathan Plowright, piano, plays Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor, Op 23); Chopin (Scherzo No 3 in C sharp minor, Op 39); Liszt (Piano Sonata in B minor) (r)
10.45 Blue Skies: Steve Jones compares earth sciences with the arts
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney introduces extremist piano music by Salvatore Sciarrino on CD. The ensemble Quorum performs Francesco Donatoni (Spice); Ian Gardiner (Bass Clarinet Trio; Kite) and Tim Ewers (Circle)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Birthday! by Fay Weldon. Julie Christie reads the second and final part **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council (r)
9.45 Pennine People: In the first of a four-part series, Martin Wainwright tells the story of John Fielden, a 19th-century textiles magnate and social reformer
10.00-10.30 East, Going West (FM only): Mark Tully meets the Himalayan villagers who are replanting their forests
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Psalms. Read by David Suchet (5/8) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour looks at the role of godmothers with the actress Patricia Hodge; and meets the poet Jenny Joseph. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, with Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: Henrietta Green, whose guide to the best food producers in Britain is published later this month, talks to Michael Gibson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Small House at Allington, by Anthony Trollope (2/4) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen and his guests Beatrix Campbell and Steve Platt select three paperbacks
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope meets the singer Paul Weller; visits exhibitions of photography by Bill Brandt; reviews *Troilus and Cressida* at the Contact Theatre, Manchester; and reports on the British tour of the Glinka State Choir
4.45 Short Story: Deceptively Specious, by Patricia Ferguson. Read by Geraldine Fitzgerald
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places meets police on patrol in the air
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Max Hastings, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, Steve Jones, professor of genetics at University College, London; Norman Lamont, MP; and Joan Ruddock, MP, opposition home affairs spokesperson tackle the issues raised in Worthing, Sussex. Chairman: Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Stop Press, with John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The American writer William Gibson (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties, by William McIlvanney. Tom Watson reads the final episode
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Echoes in the Chamber: Peter Hill reviews 15 years of broadcasting from Westminster (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Set Up. *Radio 5, 10.10pm.*
Joseph Macure March's long poem about dirty work in the boxing world may not be the ideal way to usher in the Lennox Lewis v Frank Bruno world title fight from Cardiff (Radio 5, 12.40am), but it certainly makes terrific radio. And anyway, it is not about British boxing 1993 but the American fight game in 1925 when corruption was rife. In the 1949 Hollywood movie, the central character was a fading white fighter. In tonight's production, he is black, as Macure March intended. Once heard, Kerry Shale's reading of "The Set Up" is not easily forgotten.

Radio 2 Arts Programme. *10.00pm.*
A century of music-making by Bournemouth instrumentalists in general, not just the town's celebrated symphony orchestra, is charted by writer Sean Street, musician Ray Carpenter, and *Arts Programme* regular Tony Staveacre. VIPs such as Sir Michael Tippett will add appropriate sentiments. A highlight tonight will be a Bournemouth brass and wind players' concert recreating the sound of the resort's first municipal band, founded in 1893. **Peter Davalle**

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Confident Maloney faces long walk if Lewis loses WBC crown



A rigger completes stadium preparations at Cardiff Arms Park yesterday for the biggest bout in the history of British boxing. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Bruno has puncher's chance

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LET us hope a warm sun dawns over Cardiff tomorrow — for the sake of Frank Maloney, Lennox Lewis's manager, just in case there is the upset of the century and Frank Bruno beats Lewis to become the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, and Maloney has to stick to his promise to streak the length of Britain.

The idea is, of course, not new. Lady Godiva did something like that centuries ago, but at least she did not have to go far and had a horse. Maloney will be on Shanks's pony all the way from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Pepe Correa, Lewis's trainer, will also have to do something if only for repeating that cliché: "Bruno has two chances: slim and none, and Slim's left town"; all those journalists who have already awarded the bout to Lewis, saying: "No chance, no way. Not even a puncher's", would have to join Slim, though not in the altogether, we hope.

At the risk of having to explain myself ringside before the bout at Cardiff Arms Park in the early hours of tomorrow morning to Maloney, I cannot agree with the "no-wayers". Bruno cannot be written off. Every trainer in the world will tell that when two heavyweights meet anything can happen.

Bruno certainly has a puncher's chance and more besides if the "ifs" favour him. If Lewis is caught cold. If Lewis stands still in the corner. If Lewis's stamina lets him down. If Bruno tucks up behind his gloves and Lewis injures his right hand, the knock-out hand that was operated on earlier this year, on Bruno's huge forearms. If Bruno gets lucky.

It has been said that Bruno does not have enough speed to land a knock-out blow. Certainly, you can see his big punch coming a long way off, like a London bus, but it only needs Lewis to be travelling the wrong way at the wrong time to run into a fist. If that happens — he did catch Tyson — Lewis will fall.

Rufus Hadley, a former sparring partner of Bruno, would tell you: "Bruno can knock the wet out of water." Bruno may not have good punching technique when he is upright, but he can find adequate speed and leverage when he gets down.

Even Cleveland Woods, Lewis's sparring partner, does not dismiss Bruno. He thinks the further the bout goes the better Bruno's chances. "Lennox has not fought anybody as strong as Bruno yet, and Lennox has not been hit by anybody who punches as hard as Bruno. The more rounds Bruno can get through the better for him. When you get to those later rounds you say: 'Hey, I'm in this fight. I can win.' You get strong. Lennox has got to get Bruno out of there between rounds one and six."

George Francis, Bruno's trainer, said his man is a much-improved fighter and could take advantage of a couple of flaws he has seen in Lewis. "Lennox is a formidable opponent, but I noticed in his last fight [against Tony Tucker] he was susceptible to uppercuts and took a few of them. I think he looked a bit gone in the eighth or ninth round. He seemed to have run out of steam. We have seen one or two flaws in him and if we see them again it will be an early night."

Maloney, typically, dismisses Francis's legitimate observations. "Those two flaws?" Maloney said: "He means the one Lennox will be standing on and the one Bruno will be lying on." Regardless of Maloney's penchant for one-liners, if the bout goes past six or seven rounds it would not be a surprise if Lewis began to slow down. He definitely appeared to be blowing against Tucker.

But Correa claimed that Lewis is 50 per cent fitter than when he met Tucker. "We could not train so well for that fight because Lennox had hand trouble. This time I didn't have to hold back. I put a $200 bounty on Lennox. I told the sparring partners anyone that could knock him down would get $200. They tried. I haven't had to pay any money yet.

"I've heard about Bruno's punch, but I have to tell you I have the puncher in this fight. Lennox is deadly accurate. Bruno's claim to fame is being knocked out by three champions, and one of those was an out-of-shape Witherspoon. This time it will be no different for Bruno. I expect Lennox to get him out of there by round seven."

Mentally Bruno has not seemed happy all week. It seemed as if he did not understand why the world was giving so much attention to Lewis. It has been a little like a first-born resenting the arrival of a new baby. It did not seem to matter before whether he lost or won, he was the only child. Now he has to win. He may not have the tools to beat Lewis, but he has too much pride not to try.

The bout is likely to turn on the first big punch and Lewis is the most likely to land it. He is taller, quicker, sharper, and a clever boxer and can hit from a distance. If he is allowed to get into his stride the bout could turn out to be completely one-sided with Lewis giving Bruno a boxing lesson and then a fearful pasting.

At the weigh-in yesterday in the grounds of Cardiff Castle, Lewis weighed 16st 5lb, two pounds lighter than his weight against Tucker in May, and Bruno scaled 17st, seven pounds heavier than when he met Carl Williams in April.

Bruno's extra weight will not help his agility and could be an indication of his intention to make it a mauling affair. Correa was delighted that Bruno was nine pounds heavier. He said "Great, he'll be even slower. That'll suit us even better."

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Rain threatens world heavyweight title bout

THE world heavyweight boxing championship between Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno at Cardiff will be postponed for 24 hours in the event of bad weather in the early hours of tomorrow morning, the promoters of the championship said yesterday (Srikumar Sen writes).

Organisers will wait for one hour after the official starting time of 1am to see if the weather clears before calling the contest off.

Rain is forecast for early tomorrow morning. If it is too heavy, the bout will be moved to 11.00pm tomorrow night. Should the rain intervene after three rounds, the judges' scorecards will be consulted. It has yet to be decided what will be the course of action should the bout be stopped before three rounds.

The canvas will be covered at all times and the undercard contests will be cancelled should the rain be too heavy in the early stages of the promotion. The last time a British heavyweight champion was involved in a match that was called off because of rain was in the Sixties when Brian London was boxing Howard King, of the United States, in Blackpool.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: Sky Sport: 9.30pm (Friday) — 2.00am (Saturday): Live coverage of Lennox Lewis v Frank Bruno from Cardiff (bout scheduled to start at 1am). RADIO FIVE: 12.40am (Saturday) to close: live commentary.

Fortuna forced to pull out of Whitbread race

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE Smith and his crew were forced to pull out of the Whitbread Round the World yacht race yesterday after the Spanish tobacco company backing their 85-foot maxi, Fortuna, refused to sanction the £150,000 cost of replacing the yacht's mizzen mast, lost overboard on Sunday.

The decision came as a bitter blow to Smith, the 37-year-old British skipper, who had decided to continue on the 5,500-mile first stage to Uruguay and step a replacement spar there.

Smith was last night said to be considering his contractual position but remained out of contact with the race organisers, except to issue a terse statement. "I regret to inform you that the yacht Fortuna is retiring from the 1993-4 Whitbread race," Smith said. "We are heading immediately for Southampton."

Carbospars, the Southampton-based mast manufacturers, had been asked to quote for building a replacement for the 30-metre composite wing mast and Air France was prepared to fly the section to Montevideo. But at a board meeting in Barcelona on Wednesday night, directors of Tabacalera, a tobacco company half-owned by the Spanish government, voted five to one not to continue with the project.

A company statement yesterday said: "As a result of the loss of Fortuna's mizzen mast barely 24 hours after the start, the possibility of winning the race is now remote. The mizzen, which carries half the yacht's sails, was a key piece and its loss is a severe handicap which will be almost impossible to recover on later legs of the race. We would like to thank the skipper, his crew, designer and shore team for all their efforts." Javier Visiers, the project director, said last night that Tabacalera would honour the crew's contracts.

The Spanish media has waged a vitriolic campaign against the company since the sacking of the yacht's Spanish crew after a disappointing performance in last winter's Route of Discovery trans-Atlantic race and the appointment of Smith and his team last February.

Smith brought in many of Britain's leading designers and scientists to help revamp the five-year-old yacht in an effort to make her competitive. One of the more radical modifications was the yacht's glass-fibre mizzen mast which helped to increase sail area over her rivals by almost 100 square metres.

Carbospars, who are specialists in carbon-fibre construction, had wanted to design and build the yacht's bumpkin, the framework protruding from the stern of the yacht that carries the heavy sheet and rig loadings, out of carbon. But the team chose a simple tubular aluminium structure. It was this that failed.

The lengthy rebuilding, which cost £750,000 on top of a similar amount spent last year on extending the yacht from 76 to 85 feet, was not completed until June — too late for the UAP Round Europe Race, which rivals used to test their boats. Had Fortuna competed, this weak link in the design might have come to light long before the start of the Whitbread.

Smith's only competitive sail before the Whitbread was in the Fastnet race, and the yacht performed so badly upwind that she finished last among the round the world yachts. Her disappointing performance led to several changes, including a new keel and larger sails, but brought greater criticism from the Spanish press.

The crew is expected to return to Southampton early next week.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este): Whitbread 60s: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 4,700 miles; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 4,704; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 4,706; 4, Winston (D Conner, US), 4,714; 5, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur), 4,745; 6, Dolphin and Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 4,792; 7, Helman Sahaldachny (E Platon, Ukr), 4,950; 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 4,925; 9, Brookefield (G Maisto, It), 4,982. Maxis: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 4,698; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,723; 3, La Poste (D Maille, Fr), 4,743; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 4,941.



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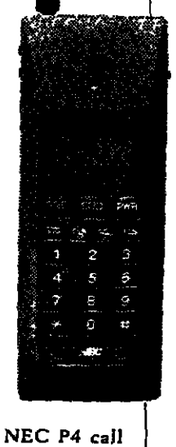
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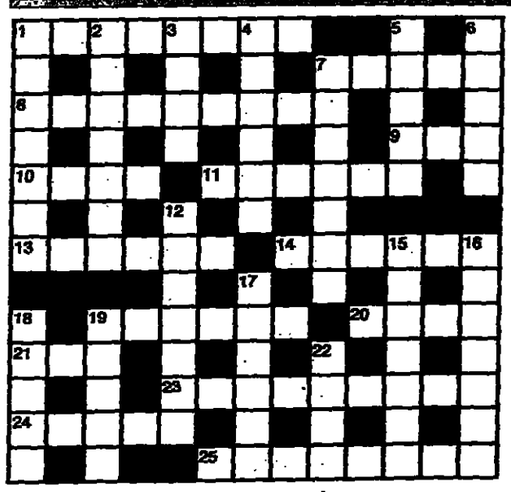
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13 Bad-tempered (6)
14 Sole (6)
19 Unarmed combat (6)
20 Prove useless (4)
21 Metal-bearing minerals (3)
23 Pitfall (5,4)
24 Small edible fruit (5)
25 Wake-up call (8)

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1 Mimic (7)
2 French Biscay port (7)
3 Conservative type (4)
4 Shirked (6)
5 Question (5)
6 Clergy land (5)
7 Display (7)
12 By that means (7)
15 Argument (7)
16 Elongated circle (7)
17 Brilliant feat (6)
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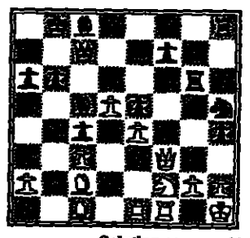
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Word Watching

By Philip Howard

ACALEPHA
a. A Caleph's harem
b. Verse with an extra foot
c. Jelly fish

BODRAGE
a. Anger without a cause
b. A raid
c. Sea kale

THILLER
a. A supernatural thriller
b. A Dutch hoe
c. A horse

ULTONIAN
a. Inhabitant of Ulster
b. An avenger
c. From overseas

Answers on page 44

